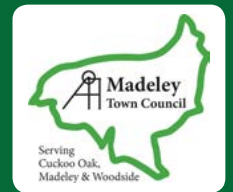


Madeley Matters

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A Welcome back to the **HIGH STREET AND LET'S CELEBRATE SPRING IN MADELEY**

We are working with local shops and businesses in making plans for the re-opening of the High Street on 12 April. This is the date when all non-essential shops can re-open to the public, with social distancing measures in place to ensure people are safe.

To mark the return to high street and to remind everyone that spring and brighter times are just around the corner, we are inviting business owners, retailers and residents to get creative and decorate shop windows, doors, gardens with crafty and colourful homemade decorations from pop poms to wreaths to Easter bunnies.

Let's all join together and make Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside a bright and colourful place to live and visit.



Read on for more local information, stories, groups, events & services...



NEWS...

FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL...

Like everyone, it's been a very strange and difficult 12 months. Jubilee House closed its doors a year ago to all the lovely groups and staff set up home work stations to continue to carry out the council's business. Sadly, our usual events were either cancelled or curtailed to help reduce the spread of this horrible virus (I'm determined not to mention the 'C' word!).

As we look back we remember all those queues at the supermarket and the one-way systems, and sometimes empty shelves, many of our local shops unable to open and hoping that they'd still be there when this is all over! We all had to learn to approach things differently; wearing masks is something most of us would never have thought would happen, how being outdoors for an hours daily exercise became a luxury, not being able to visit the coast for some embracing sea air and most of all missing that contact with our nearest and dearest – how we all long for a much needed hug.

Our annual Charity Market and Green Day were both cancelled in 2020 but we were able to carry out a very limited Remembrance Service, which was much appreciated by the community. Our Christmas event was turned on its head with a lights switch-on like no other – no countdown and no cheers – a very solemn occasion it has to be said. Yet the twinkling lights did give some cheer to our quiet streets then came the Christmas Carnival Tour; Santa and Olaf visited as many streets as they could over two nights and everyone came out to greet them (socially distanced of course) – such a winner, we're planning to do it again this year. The Town Council then decided that as all the children had missed out on visiting our usual Santa's Grotto we would send a small gift to each child at our 7 primary schools, all 2,300 children – again very well received. Our schools were amazing by helping us with the distribution and also our lovely Sweet Shop (Mrs Russell) for her very kind chocolate donations.

Madeley Market

Madeley Market takes place every Tuesday from 9am – 3pm in Russell Square, Madeley, Telford, TF7 5BB. The regular traders who attend come rain or shine add value to the array of shops and businesses already in Madeley. Why not pop along for your plants, eggs, home goods and tools. New stalls are always welcome; if you are interested in trading at Madeley Market you will need to get in touch directly with Telford & Wrekin Council on 01952 381818 or email licensing@telford.gov.uk.



Easter Activities...

This year Madeley Town Council, again with the kind help of our primary schools, invited all our primary school children to enter our Easter Egg Decorating Competition. Children were asked to decorate an easter egg template in whatever creative way they could. A winner was chosen, by Madeley Town Mayor; Cllr Sarah Chadwick, from each key stage group within each school and the winners were presented with an Easter Egg. It is hoped that all the artwork submitted will be on display around Madeley; The Anstice and Jubilee House windows – so look out for these wonderful additions to our 'High Street in Spring' celebration.

SPRING PRIZE DRAW

We also ran a Prize Draw for an Easter Hamper on our Facebook page – look out for the winner on social media.

Madeley Citizens Advice Bureau



Did you know that Madeley Town Council funds CAB support for residents in Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside. You are able to get free, confidential, impartial and independent advice from an experienced Outreach Worker on your rights and responsibilities on a range of topics including benefits, debt, employment & housing. Due to the on-going pandemic, most of the staff and volunteers are providing advice over the telephone or via on-line meetings. But as restrictions ease, you will be able to book an appointment at The Anstice in Madeley, Hub on the Hill in Sutton Hill or The Park Lane Centre in Woodside. If you need advice or to book an appointment with CAB call 01952 567193 or email case@telfordcab.co.uk.



DISC

Madeley Town Council will be working closely with shops and businesses in Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside to roll out the use of the DISC App; the App that shops and businesses can download onto their mobile phones to keep up to date and informed on problems and issues along the high street or community centres. This is a West Mercia Police project funded by Madeley Town Council to reduce business crime and antisocial behaviour in our local area and is due to be rolled out in April 2021. Traders will be contacted directly with further information but please register your interest by emailing alison@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

WEBSITE

Madeley Town Council's new website is about to go live – this is a more streamlined site which will hopefully publicise the council's information and activities more clearly.

For all the latest community news, events and activities remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Working Together

Working with our partners at the Anstice we hosted several food donation drive-thru days on Jubilee House car park – many of you very kindly supported the work of Telford Crisis Support – helping those in need.



The Anstice is currently operating as one of Telford & Wrekin's Asymptomatic Testing Centres. Lyndy Boden; Anstice Manager said "This type of test centre offers rapid, regular testing for people without symptoms of coronavirus - a fantastic service for those who might not be able to work from home, but want to be safe and ensure the safety of those around them. Results are available in around 30 minutes. Having this service in our community means that more people who have the virus, but are otherwise none the wiser, can self-isolate and protect others. Testing is by appointment only - please visit <https://rapidtest.telford.gov.uk> "

People have rallied together and helped one another – true community spirit that we are sure will continue.

Although we move into 2021 under restrictions, there is now light at the end of the tunnel. Large events are probably still a little way away yet, so for this year we will be concentrating on the Remembrance Parade and the Christmas Lights Switch-on to reintroduce our community events (working with government guidelines at the time). We hope that 2022 will see a full return of all our community coming together; with our Charity Market, Green Day, Remembrance Day Service & Christmas Lights, and hopefully with some new additions to our list too!

We look forward to welcoming the opening of all our local businesses so that our wonderful community can support them by shopping local.

A Message from Cllr Sarah Chadwick – Mayor of Madeley Town Council...

As we are hopefully coming out of lockdown and heading towards getting back to normal; I would like to say a huge thank you to the communities in our area that have stepped up and supported those in need during this pandemic.

The kindness and selflessness of others has shone through, and I know this will continue, as it has always done. I am proud to live in and represent the residents of Madeley.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate action of its members" – Coretta Scott King.



LOOKING BACK...

It's been some time . . . since we saw the hustle and bustle of Madeley Folk, doing their shopping, having a chat in the street and going about their daily routines.

We're so looking forward to welcoming back all the lovely retailers on our patch – opening their doors on 12 April (subject to government guidelines) for everyone to browse and buy.

As we look back on an extremely difficult year for everyone and move, albeit slowly, back towards a more familiar way of life, we remember how we diversified to bring a smile to the community.....



Virtual Remembrance Service – with help from our wonderful colleagues Madeley remembered...



Our Covid-Christmas... A first for everyone this year – a very quiet lights switch-on without our lovely Madeley crowd...



Then there was our Christmas Carnival Tour of Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside – so well received that we're planning it again for this year.



With the wonderful help from all the staff at our local schools, we were able to deliver around 2,300 Christmas Gifts for all the children in all 7 primary schools, and with the superb generosity of our local Sweetie Lady; Mrs Russell we were able to add a small chocolate treat as well!

It was quite a mammoth task for our 6 members of staff, but we got there in the end...



Aspirations @ Home Workouts – FREE low impact workouts

This project provides Telford and Wrekin residents with a small range of FREE on-demand fitness class workouts. These workouts are low impact and most suited beginners aged 18 +. (Please note they are NOT suitable for pregnant women)

The sessions are delivered by Telford and Wrekin Council Leisure Services qualified fitness instructors and feature a small range of the following low impact/ beginner classes....



- Pilates
- Yoga
- Combat
- Low impact aerobics
- Seated exercise sessions
- Legs Bums and Tums

Working in partnership with Let's Get Telford Active and Ricoh Products Limited, this programme aims to provide residents with a form of physical activity that they can do from the comfort of their own home. Due to COVID people are not able to or in the future may not be ready to participate in physical activity in a group setting, so to help we are looking to provide a small range of @home workouts so you can become or continue to remain active.

To register to receive the aspirations @ home workouts information please visit www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/aspathome.



Pride in Our High Street – Helping High Streets Diversify to Survive



Through its Pride in Our High Street initiative, Telford & Wrekin Council has been investing creatively to help regenerate the town's high streets since 2018. That investment has received recognition through the national High Street Awards and by the Local Government Association who are using Telford as a case study.

Telford's small high street business owners are really committed to their communities and are determined to keep going despite the challenges of Covid and on-line shopping. They are using their imagination to think of new ideas and ways of diversifying their business. Recognising the need to help to put these ideas into effect the Council through PiOHS as created a new offer -e Revive and Thrive Diversification Grants. It provides grants from £500 up to £4,000 to businesses in Wellington, Oakengates, Dawley, Ironbridge, Newport and Madeley and the grants are open to high street businesses of all types.

Since the grant opened in September last year, 17 diversification grants have been awarded with the successful applicants ranging from men's outfitters to beauty salons and gift shops. Just a few examples include businesses that have been helped to create websites, been supported with the equipment needed to take electronic payments, helped with new branding and with eco-friendly packaging to change their brand appeal.

Cllr Lee Carter, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Commercial Services and Regeneration, said: "The initiative reflects lessons learned through Covid about how important it is for businesses to adapt and how they can do this even in the face of great challenges. The Council has been so impressed by the commitment and determination of so many of our businesses to not just survive but to thrive".

Local recipients of the grant include The Anstice Memorial Hall in the heart of Madeley receiving a diversification grant for a large screen and Flares Hairdressing Salon on Madeley High Street to assist them with their marketing.

Grants are administered by the Pride In Our High Streets team at the council who can advise on whether a business is eligible for funding, how to apply and give details of any conditions attached to the funding.

To apply for a grant either visit the Council's website – at <https://webforms.telford.gov.uk/form/369> - or telephone Joy McGeown, Project Manager for Pride in our High Street, on 01952 383784.

ANSTICE VACANCY...



THE
Anstice

We are seeking a reliable and experienced café supervisor to organise the day to day running of the Anstice café. The Café is already established as a welcoming place for all of the community in the centre of Madeley.

This is an amazing opportunity to work with a committed and passionate team to develop and supervise a welcoming, safe and inclusive community venue.

The post will start off at a 20 hours per week position. You will at least have 1 years Café management and work under the supervision of the food and beverage manager.

Please email: fandb@theanstice.co.uk for an application form.

**Closing
date for applications
is 19th April 2021**



ROTARY NEWS

After meeting for many years in Shifnal, Ironbridge Rotary Club was all set to move back to Ironbridge when Covid struck, making all live meetings impossible. We held our club meetings by Zoom, but they cannot compete with face-to-face contact. We donated funds to flood victims in Ironbridge, we have made donations to the Anstice refurbishment, and we are in the process of providing display cabinets for the many old trophies from the days of the Working Men's Club. We also managed, together with other local Rotary clubs, to raise a fantastic £40,000 from the Telford Tree of Light, thanks to our loyal supporters. We have recently been donating drinks and snacks on a regular basis to the various centres in the area where the Covid injections are being given, so that the dedicated staff could get refreshments "on the job", as well as donations to the food banks to help parents struggling with furlough and having children at home. We have also funded around a dozen laptops to local schools where children were struggling with home schooling.

However, now that there are signs of things returning to something like normal we are hoping to get back into the local community with many of our old projects as well as many new ones. This year, due to Covid, our annual Community Concert at Haberdashers Abraham Darby has not taken place, nor our joint project with the Lions to conduct prostate tests for local men. Our Christmas present wrapping at Telford Town Centre could not take place due to the restrictions. These events are not cancelled; they are merely postponed. We obviously don't know yet whether events like Madeley Green Day and the Lights will take place, but we are preparing to be there if they do.

So, when we can all get out and about again look for us. We'll be there.



Pictured are Rotarians Rachel and Ray delivering snacks to Covid volunteers.

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions



Despite the difficulties we have all faced during the past year, the floods, a pandemic, economic uncertainty and the inability to raise funds in the normal way, we have continued to serve the local community. Since March we have donated over £11,000 to various local causes and delivered free prostate testing to 600 men at a cost of almost £12,000. The total of these donations and costs equates to a remarkable £1,650 per member.

Having held regular weekly zoom meeting during lockdown, the club held its first physical meeting for 6 months on 10th September. This was an opportunity to welcome 3 new members into the club and to plan the Christmas programme

Running from early November, our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal, enables us to supply food parcels to those in crisis at Christmas. The programme involves street collections, supermarket visits with Santa and his sleigh and individual collections from homes and workplaces. This year, your generosity enabled us to distribute 450 food parcels to individuals and families in need.

In addition to this with the aid of several local benefactors we were able to supply kindness boxes of snacks for all the staff rest rooms at The Princess Royal Hospital as a way of thanking all the staff for their efforts during the pandemic.

With the end of lockdown in prospect we are looking forward to being able to get back to our Silver over the Bridge events at some point this year and we are hoping to be able to run another prostate testing event in the Autumn. In the meantime, our prostate testing partners, the Graham Fulford Trust, are able to provide home test kits. Further information on this, and all our other activities, is available in our newsletter at www.ironbridgelions.org.uk/newsletter-spring-2021/

Please contact us for information about how you can help us to support the community, either by organising a food collection in your home, street or workplace, or by becoming a friend or member of the club.

**Contacts: Graham Powell 07887 638207
or Colin Thompson 07970 417497**



SCHOOL NEWS...

Madeley Town Council would like to give A REALLY BIG SHOUT OUT to all of our amazing remote learners and to all the amazing grown-ups that have used their unique skills to become teachers while schools have been closed. Here's some news snippets from our local schools:

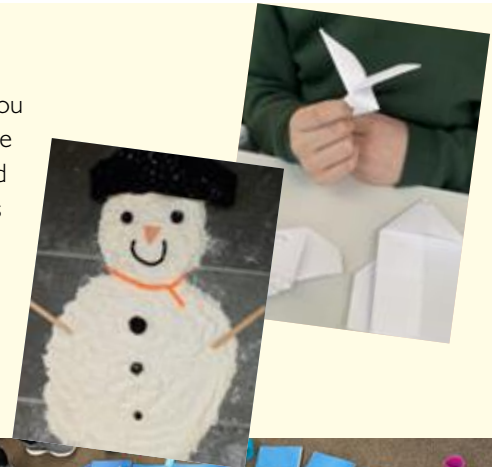


Woodlands Primary School . . .

Woodlands Primary School said "Home schooling your children is not easy, especially for any of you that are still going out to work, working from home, have younger children to care for or have more than one pupil to teach! You've been doing an amazing job and your children have clearly benefitted from your teaching! Your singing, dancing, role-playing, experimenting and all-round enthusiasm has made us all smile from ear to ear with all the brilliant work that's been going on. We were blown away by all the amazing work and progress that students made during that time."

"During Wellbeing Week there were many creative ways that enabled learning to take place, whilst acknowledging the focus on emotional health and wellbeing."

Here are a few examples from Woodlands Primary School.....



"To be the best we can be"

William Reynolds Primary School . . .

With children returning to school recently, children at **William Reynolds Primary School and Nursery on Woodside** have returned to a school that has recently been awarded the 'Wellbeing Award for Schools'. The award recognises the schools ongoing commitment to putting the emotional health and mental wellbeing of children, staff and parents at the forefront of everything they do.

Moving forward the school plans to continue to focus on emotional health and mental wellbeing and is looking forward to working more closely with the Wellbeing Champion to further involve the children in how the school can best support everyone's emotional health and mental wellbeing.



'British Science Week' Innovating the Future 5-14 March 2021

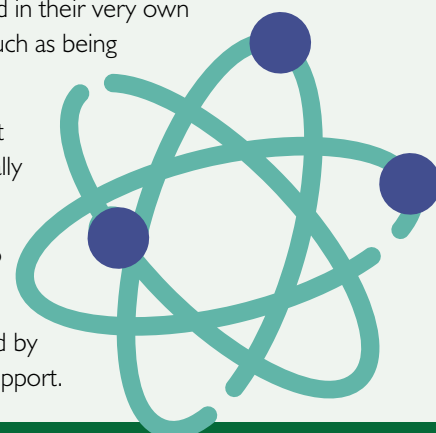
To celebrate 'British Science Week', the pupils at Sir Alexander Primary School participated in exciting activities to inspire them to become the scientists much needed for our future. This wonderful celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths was enjoyed across the entire school from Nursery to year 6. Our amazing teachers provided fun experiments, activities and projects, which thoroughly engaged our pupils.

With the collaboration and expertise of our STEM ambassador Donald Pritchard, Year 5 & 6 participated in their very own 'glider project'. This project was designed to unlock skills for future jobs, working in the field of STEM such as being 'committed, imaginative, collaborative, hard-working and patient'.

We were delighted to see our children working together to design their gliders while others throughout school took part in building a living willow den, investigating changes in materials, creating environmentally friendly herb gardens and many more fun engaging science activities.

Due to the efforts of staff, we were successful in applying for a 'KICK START' grant, which allowed us to purchase many of the materials needed.

We'd like to thank all within our all school family. This was a truly inspiring week and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A special mention to Donald Pritchard for his time and expertise and Adrian from Charlton for his support.



NURSERY NEWS!!!



Halesfield Day Nursery



Children at Halesfield Day Nursery were overjoyed to receive their Green Flag award last month. The nursery has been working towards the Eco-school's top accolade for nearly two years now and were very pleased to finally receive their certificate and flag. The children have worked alongside staff to bring about positive environmental changes to reduce the nursery's carbon footprint and the impact it has on the natural environment. Along with frequent litter picks around the community to reduce local pollution the children have also helped create a huge bug hotel to promote biodiversity, helped coordinate several textile recycling collections and helped the nursery reduce its water consumption by introducing water butts in the playgrounds and automatic turn-off taps in the bathrooms. The nursery has also substantially reduced its usage of single use plastics by switching to glass milk bottles instead of plastic cartons which they also now have delivered from a local dairy.

Local Councillor; Arnold England supported the nursery to achieve this prestigious award by granting £250 of ward funding to the nursery. The nursery manager, Helen Childs said "We are so grateful to Arnold for helping us to achieve this award. The funding assisted us to make changes in the nursery so we could meet the success criteria of the award. We have been working towards Green Flag status for a while now, and have made lots of positive changes, so it's great to finally get there but also to be able to celebrate this with the children- who themselves have worked so hard to bring about modifications in the setting".

Well done everyone!



Madeley Nursery School
A Sightlines UK network nursery school

Madeley Nursery School offers outstanding early education and care. This school has its heart in the community and has years of expertise as it was established by Madeley families 75 years ago.

The dedicated staff have kept the nursery school open during the current Covid-19 lockdowns, focusing on supporting children's well-being and development.

The school has a unique and internationally respected approach to learning and care for the youngest children. The children work and play together in groups using the natural world and the local environment as inspiration. There is a big focus on exploration, creativity and outdoor learning.

Hello Madeley Community ...

Andy and Claire Small would just like to say a quick hello and introduce Twiggys Day Nursery. We have very recently purchased the very popular Kids 4 Us Day Nursery on the John Fletcher School site on Upper Road, Madeley. We will still be providing quality childcare from 0 to 5 years in the nursery all year round and from 4 years (reception class age) to 11 years in the Breakfast, Afterschool and School Holiday Club.

We will be working very closely with John Fletcher school in supporting your little one to transition to the reception class if this is your chosen school, although all children are welcome regardless of which school they will be transitioning to.

I am very aware that we have big shoes to fill as Val Price, the previous owner is well respected in the local community and has over 40 years experience in childcare. Her retirement is well earned and we wish her a long and adventurous future. Val has developed a very strong staff team with lots of knowledge and they have created a real home, from home feel, which is exactly the same ethos that Twiggys Day Nursery has across our other two sites in Donnington and Sutton Hill.

You will, I'm sure, be pleased to know that the same original committed, kind and caring staff team will remain at Twiggys in Madeley so rest assured that you will continue to see the same friendly faces. We shall be adding our own Twiggys touch to the place so you will start to see a few changes along the way, including some great technology to be able to see how your child's day is going and how they are developing.

We are looking forward to getting to know the local children and families who already attend and we look forward to welcoming new children to the setting. We are open and fully operational so feel free to contact us to book a space and to find out how to apply for a funded space for 2 year olds (if eligible) and for 3 or 4 year olds for either 15 or 30 hours funding per week depending on eligibility.



For more information, telephone: 01952 270062 to speak with the team or email: madeley@twiggysdaynursery.co.uk

Due to the current social distancing restrictions families who wish to register their children for places at the nursery school can contact the school for further information on virtual tours of the school, and online meetings with the headteacher and other members of staff. In this way you can get to know us better and get answers to any questions that you might have.

Find out more about what we do at Madeley Nursery by visiting our website and Facebook page. Madeley Nursery invites you to join us and discover our amazing world together.

Contact: madeley.nursery@taw.org.uk

By phone: 01952 388210

Website: www.madeleynurseryschool.co.uk



Community Payback working in our Parish...

Recently Community Payback were back on hand to help us tackle some of the untidy paths and steps that were covered in leaf mulch and general detritus from over the winter months. These are just some of the after pictures of areas that were identified and mostly affected. All weeds and leaves were removed and then the jobs were finished off with a deep cleanse of all litter. They will be around for some while within the Parish so please say hello if you see them on your travels.



ENVIRONMENT
NEWS

Community Action Team (CAT) to start this April . . .

Due to start this coming April will be an exciting new venture that will transform the way the local environment is managed across the parish. The community action team will consist of a team of two operatives one of which will hopefully be an apprentice and a vehicle which will be clearly marked with our Madeley Town Council logo, so it is easily recognisable when out and about in the local neighbourhood.

The newly formed team is a result of collaborative working involving a three-way partnership between Telford & Wrekin Council, their primary grounds and cleansing contractor idverde and ourselves here at the Town Council.

The team will be focusing on a wide and varied number of activities across the parish which will see them start to tackle some of the jobs that are not included in the core grounds maintenance contract that idverde currently carry out on behalf of the Local Authority.

Some of the work could include additional litter picking, pruning, footpath sweeping and weed clearing as well as helping to keep our rights of ways open throughout the summer months plus much more and they will be ready to assist the Town Council in many other ways that may arise throughout the year.

It is envisaged that this will help to raise the standards and enhance the local environment, the key to this success will be that the new team will be working only in the parish - so a true sense of pride in your patch way of working is gained as they build up local knowledge and get to know the area.

The new team will be tasked with seasonal duties so they can meet the demands of each season ranging from weed and grass growth related problems during the growing season of the spring and summer months and then on to tackling the leaves in the Autumn during leaf fall for example plus much more throughout each of the seasons.

Gardening Scheme . . .

Madeley Town Council is continuing its grass cutting service this year. If you are currently on our client list, please ensure you have returned to your completed acceptance form. You can apply to Madeley Town Council if you are struggling to cut your grass - if you are aged 75 and over, have a disability or are in receipt of Personal Independence Payment or Attendance Allowance. We do not provide a general gardening service, only grass cutting.

If you wish to be placed on our waiting list, please contact Chris Hallam our Environment Officer on 01952 567285 or download an application form from our website: <http://madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk/services/gardening-services/>



Plastic Free Madeley, Woodside and Sutton Hill – REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



Madeley Town Council are committed to support the Plastic Free Community UK wide campaign by working with the local community, businesses and schools to reduce the use of single use plastic in Madeley, Woodside and Sutton Hill. A Plastic Free Steering Group has been set up to direct and support this initiative. The Town Council are currently working towards Plastic Free Community status through the initiative by Surfers Against Sewage (see www.sas.org.uk). Surfers Against Sewage state that:

"We're creating the Plastic Free Community network to free where we live from single-use. Together we're tackling avoidable single-use plastic, from the beach all the way back to the brands and businesses who create it. Wherever you live, whether you're on shore or inland, urban or rural, high-tide or high-rise, we're uniting communities in the fight against single-use plastics. It's not about removing all plastic from our lives. It's about kicking our addiction to avoidable single-use plastic, and changing the system that produces it. Join us and let's free where we live from single-use, one plastic bottle at a time!"

Madeley Town Council are working with local businesses to promote and sign up to the national free water Refill scheme. The Refill scheme encourages people to think about plastic packaging and their usage. It aims to reduce demand for single-use plastic bottles, which will reduce litter, lessen landfill, and stop discarded plastic getting into our rivers, lakes and oceans.

Madeley Town Council has also resolved to support the Borough of Telford & Wrekin declaration on climate change and are members of the Borough wide and committed to remove single-use plastics from the Council's operations and activities by 2023.

Would you like to help us to avoidable single-use plastic? If you, as an individual or as part of a local group would like to get involved with the Madeley Town Council Plastic Free campaign, please get in touch with Cllr Helena Morgan on 07450 434876 or Madeley Town Council on 01952 567280 or email: info@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk



New benches installed along our pathways...

In recent weeks Madeley Town Council has had six new wooden sleeper benches installed along some of our Parishes most used footpaths & rights of way. The three illustrated have been situated along the Silkin Way while the other three are located on other nearby locations of interest.

It is hoped that these will be widely used by increased walkers who are venturing out to exercise during the ongoing restrictions and beyond.

Special thanks go to the Skills & Enterprise Hub located at Horsehay business park for making such fine benches for us, and to a local business Midland Playscape who installed them in the agreed locations for us.

We hope many will sit and rest on these new additions to our local path network whilst out walking.



IMPROVEMENTS TO CCTV COVERAGE...

A new, improved CCTV system is now live in Telford and Wrekin which comes with a new upgraded CCTV control based in Oakengates. The control room, which will be staffed by volunteers recruited and trained by West Mercia Police is currently receiving feeds from Oakengates, Wellington, Brookside, Dawley and Ice rink. You will be pleased to know that the Madeley CCTV system has now received its upgrade which now comprises of 21 cameras providing additional viewing of the high street, park street, and the town centre footfall areas.



Telford & Wrekin Council is investing £200,000 into the scheme and the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner is investing £245,000.

The Neighbourhood Enforcement Team continue to patrol Madeley and the High Street on a daily basis and issue over parking tickets to those parking on double yellow lines, parking in bus stops and taxi ranks. The team continue to work with Madeley Town Council to identify hot spot areas and support people parking responsible. The team have also been very proactive in carrying out high visibility patrols, especially to Madeley Academy, John Randall and Haughton Schools. The team have also been patrolling Tweedale North Industrial Estate to manage poor parking near to junctions.

The new Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside Community Action Team will be working closely with the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team. Madeley will continue to have daily patrols working in partnership with Madeley Town Council and the police to address both poor parking and wider environmental enforcement issues. There will also be a dedicated mobile camera that will be installed in key hot spot locations.



Are you over 50, feeling lonely and in need of a little support?

Have you been struggling through this latest lockdown or maybe you just feel a little lonely at times? Are you worried about venturing out again as restrictions ease? Telford Senior Citizens Forum offers regular phone calls from one of our volunteers who are good listeners, very supportive and enjoy a good chat. Our current clients have told us how much they look forward to their regular chat and how it brightens their day. If you would like to find out more about receiving calls, or about offering help as a volunteer caller, please contact 07932 828333 or 07552 975676, email: enquiries@twseiors.org.uk

Over 50s can become a member of the Forum and receive our free regular magazine, which includes lots of useful information about sources of support, as well as about activities and events as they hopefully re-open this summer. Membership is free. To join, please give us a call, drop us an email or visit <https://twseiors.org.uk/forum-membership/>



Your Telford & Wrekin Councillors

Rae Evans (Lab)	Woodside	380273
Kelly Middleton (Lab)	Woodside	07583 053 081
Janice Jones (Lab)	Madeley & Sutton Hill	380713
Paul Watling (Lab)	Madeley & Sutton Hill	380256
Derek White (Lab)	Madeley & Sutton Hill	282237

MP for Telford: Lucy Allan (Con) T: 01952 290039
E: lucy.allan.mp@parliament.uk
Postal Address: Lucy Allan MP, Suite 1, Preston House, Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

Grants Awarded by Madeley Town Council in 2020-21 from the £10,000 Budget

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount £
Telford & Wrekin Council	Kindle Kindness	2000
Halesfield Day Nursery	Contribution toward fridge/freezer	200
Telford & Wrekin Council	Laptops for Schools	1200
Girl Guiding Dawley District	Trip	500
Hope House Children's Hospice	Running costs	100
Ironbridge Gorge Walking Festival	Costs towards festival	100
The Anstice	New Madeley Mon group	500
CVS	Madeley Wellbeing Café	500

MTC, has also donated £1,000 to the Severn Gorge Countryside towards upgrading footpaths that in the World Heritage Site.



NEXT EDITION

This is our first solely digital edition of Madeley Matters due to our usual distribution outlets being closed.

This is something that we might introduce in between our paper editions so that we can share news more frequently with you.

In the meantime, keep an eye on social media for the Summer edition.



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