

Madeley Matters



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Sutton Hill & Woodside

143rd Edition | SEPTEMBER 2025

Our Communities of Madeley, Sutton Hill & Woodside

MADELEY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE & PARADE

Commemorating the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war

Sunday 9th November 2025

9:30am Church service at St. Michael's Church, Madeley TF7 5BN

10:30am Parade from the bottom of Madeley High Street

10:45am Act of Remembrance at Madeley War Memorial

11:15am Refreshments at The Anstice

All Welcome
Together, we will remember them

Madeley Town Council
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Over 60s Christmas Parties

Christmas dinner
Music
Dancing
Quiz

Join us for one of our FREE over 60s Christmas Parties this December.
Open to residents of Madeley, Sutton Hill & Woodside

Tuesday 9th - Park Lane Centre, Woodside

Wednesday 10th - Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill

Details about how to get your ticket are in the article alongside this advert.

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MADELEY Christmas

LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

9AM TO 5PM

Santa, music, singing, crafts, Christmas market, children's fairground rides, food and lots more...

MARKET STALLS

If you wish to be considered for a space on our Christmas market, please email charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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SANTA'S CHRISTMAS FLOAT 2025

Santa's float is touring Madeley, Sutton Hill & Woodside

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 5 December
From Woodside

Saturday 6 December
From Sutton Hill

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Madeley MAYOR'S Monthly DROP-IN

Come along and meet with Councillor Helena Morgan at her Madeley Mayors monthly drop-in at Madeley Community Library.



"Share your views, ideas and concerns about our local area and I will do everything I can to help."

Remaining dates in 2025:
27 September
25 October

10AM - 12 NOON
MADELEY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY
@THE ANSTICE

Welcome...



Recently, Madeley Town Council has excitedly welcomed two new members to our staff, who shall be working in the community library and Hub on the Hill:



Ellie Blythe is our new librarian, who is also currently studying for a PhD in Philosophy, Religion and History – a subject she wholeheartedly enjoys due to her love of learning, specifically how the past influences the present day. Her role consists of managing the day-to-day running of the library, assisting with blue badges, bus passes, as well as supporting our library assistants and volunteers. Ellie is committed to ensuring that the needs of the Madeley community are being met and hopes to maintain a space where people can continue

to confidently rely on the library for the resources and services they need! She knows this role will be rewarding (having worked in many different libraries over the years) since she believes that libraries should be a safe space for all ages – to learn, to create, to grow. She cannot wait to promote and run new events for both adults and children, as she wants to create a welcoming hub and bring the community together. These events include children's story time, reading challenges and craft sessions.

"In the months ahead, we'll be hosting new events for all ages, including book clubs and craft afternoons. We would welcome your ideas for what you'd like to find in the library! We look forward to seeing you!" – Ellie Blythe (Librarian).



Zoe Broome is our new Community Centre manager for the Hub on the Hill – a proud local from Madeley who has a lifelong passion for football and people. She came up through grassroots football, which allowed her to play at a decent level and eventually (through her strong connections to the community and a desire to give back) she set up a grassroots football club which runs across South Telford. Zoe is also a parent to three wonderful children who take up most of her time and she has loved every second of seeing them grow and thrive. Her

job consists of day to day management of Hub on the Hill, engaging with the community and bringing a new lease of life to the Hub. Zoe views this role as a great opportunity to grow professionally and make a real difference in a community that deserves "support, care, and fresh energy". Though she is nervous, Zoe views this as a reflection of how much she cares about the community and her new job – especially since she is passionate about creating safe spaces for people to feel heard. Her hopes include bringing more accessible and inclusive activities to the centre, making things which respond more directly to the needs of the people of Madeley (youth engagement, mental health support, skill workshops) and creating a welcoming space where people can connect. Zoe is looking forward to building genuine relationships with the locals – hearing stories, getting to know people, and understanding what really matters to each individual – and bringing vibrancy to the Hub by making it a more active and open environment.

"Hi Madeley! I'm Zoe, the new Centre Manager at Hub on the Hill. I'm excited to be part of this wonderful community and can't wait to meet you all. My door's always open—pop in for a chat, share your ideas, or just say hello. Let's make great things happen together!" – Zoe Broome (Manager for Hub on the Hill).

Us at Madeley Town Council are elated to have these lovely ladies join our team, and we hope that the community gives them a big, warm welcome – we cannot wait to see what they have in store for Madeley!



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Tel: 01952 567 280

Usual opening hours: 9am-4pm Monday-Friday

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Web: www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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Sutton Hill & Woodside



SCAN ME
Hub on the Hill
at Sutton Hill



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Community Library



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Madeley Community Library



www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Madeley Borough Councillor Surgeries



Come along and meet with Madeley Borough
Councillors Paul Watling, Janice Jones & Derek
White at their monthly drop-in surgery

Wed 10 September 12:30-2pm ~ The Hub on the Hill
Sutton Hill

Sat 11 October 11-12 noon ~ Madeley Community
Library @ The Anstice

Wed 12 November 12:30-2pm ~ The Hub on the Hill
Sutton Hill

Safe Places

Madeley Town Council are proud to be part of the Safe Places Shropshire scheme offering safe places to help and support people who may become vulnerable whilst they are out and about in our local area. Madeley Community Library, Jubilee House, The Hub on the Hill and Park Lane Centre provide a 'short-term safe havens' for people who may require assistance, just look at for the posters in our buildings. The national 'Safe Places' network provide vulnerable people with a number of places that they know they can go to and immediately receive support and understanding about their issues. Anyone can use a 'Safe Place' and it is hoped that the scheme gives people more confidence to travel independently. It will also allow carers to feel reassured that there is always likely to be help nearby for their loved ones.



Do you want your business or organisation to be part of the Save Places Scheme?

It is a simple. Each location that signs up to the initiative will display a sticker that identifies it as a 'Safe Place'. To make this contact easier the vulnerable person may have a "I need Help" card with details of who to contact on their behalf. Although this is not needed, it can sometimes speed up getting the extra support that they need. More details can be found at: <https://safeplaceshropshire.com/>

Over 60s Christmas Parties

Come and celebrate with us

We shall once again be bringing the festive atmosphere to our over 60s residents with our Christmas Parties this December.

Residents over the age of 60 living in Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside will have the chance to attend one of our Christmas parties.

Parties take place from 1-3pm on the following dates:

- ♦ Tuesday 9 December – Park Lane Centre, Woodside
- ♦ Wednesday 10 December – Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill

The parties are FREE to attend and will include a Christmas lunch, drinks (non-alcoholic), music, fun quiz and dancing. Party wear/Christmas jumpers/tinsel are all welcome; in fact, they are thoroughly encouraged!

To be eligible for a ticket you must live in Madeley, Sutton Hill or Woodside and be 60 or over. You may collect your ticket from the venue you wish to attend for the party on the following dates:

- ♦ Thursday 6 November from 9.30-11.30am – Hub on the Hill (for Sutton Hill party only)
- ♦ Thursday 6 November from 12.30-2.30pm - Park Lane Centre (for Woodside party only)

You must take proof of your address and age. From 7 November, remaining tickets for both venues will be available to collect from Jubilee House reception.

Meeting dates for Madeley Town Council:

6 October 2025	Full Council	6.30pm	5 January 2026	Leisure & Community Committee	6.30pm
3 November 2025	Leisure & Community Committee	6.30pm	12 January 2026	Environment Committee	6.30pm
10 November 2025	Environment Committee	6.30pm	19 January 2026	Finance & General Purpose Committee	6.30pm
17 November 2025	Finance & General Purpose Committee	6.30pm	2 February 2026	Full Council	6.30pm
1 December 2025	Full Council	6.30pm			

**MEETINGS
DATES**

Madeley Town Council

Did you know Madeley Town council offer grants of up to £1,000

For Voluntary Groups and Charities who organise community activities in our local area.

These can be used towards:

- The purchasing of equipment
- Running costs of a group
- Hosting special events or celebrations
- Starting costs for new groups
- and much more...

Grants will be looked at in the March Committee meeting.
Applications by 7 February 2026

For more information :

Ring: 01952 567 283

Email: sam@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Or pop into Reception at Jubilee House,
74 High Street Madeley TF7 5AH



Get in touch
if you want
to find out
more!



Madeley Town Council has 6 passes for the Ironbridge Gorge Museums that our residents who live in Madeley, Sutton Hill & Woodside can borrow.

These passes give you one day entry to all the Ironbridge Gorge Museums (excluding events).

All we ask for is a £10 refundable deposit, photo ID & proof of address in Madeley, Sutton Hill & Woodside. Disabled visitors who use our pass can have one carer admitted free of charge. Children under 5 are free.

The Passes must be booked in advance, collected from Jubilee House and returned after your visit to allow other families to use them.

Please email info@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01952 567280 for more information.

Carers are admitted free when they are with a pass holding adult/child who they can show they are caring for. PLEASE NOTE - Free entry for carers is not applicable for some of the events



FREE

OCTOBER HALF TERM

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

MADELEY PUMPKIN TRAIL ~
Pick up trail sheets from Jubilee House & Madeley Community Library

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER
1-3PM - CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN FILM AT JUBILEE HOUSE MADELEY

TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
1-3PM - HALLOWEEN CRAFTS IN MADELEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
10AM-1PM - COMMUNITY DAY AT RUSSELL SQUARE MADELEY

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
1-3PM - CRAFTS & GAMES AT HUB ON THE HILL

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
1-3PM - HALLOWEEN DISCO AT HUB ON THE HILL (FOR RESIDENTS OF MADELEY & SUTTON HILL - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE HUB)





WARM SPACES

FROM 4 NOVEMBER 2025

Offering **FREE** food, drink, warmth & company
Available at the following locations this winter:

- **Welcoming Space**
St. Mary's Presbytery, Madeley
Monday's 10am-2pm
- **Winter Warmer** Madeley Baptist Church
Tuesday & Thursday 10am-2pm
- **Warm Space** Hub on The Hill, Sutton Hill
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 2:30-4pm
- **Warm Space** Park Lane Centre, Woodside
Tuesday & Wednesday 3-4pm



FREE



The Wrekin Housing Group

For more information about Warm Spaces
email charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk
or call 01952 567288.

Jubilee House



Jubilee House
The home of
Madeley Town Council
Open weekdays
9am-4pm



Jubilee House
The home of Madeley Town Council



MON	10-12noon Art Club 1:45-3:30pm Singing
TUE	10-11am Gentle Aerobics
WED	11:30-12:30pm Moving on Exercise 9-12noon Nettlecrafts
THU	10-12noon History Group 1-3pm Madeley Social
FRI	10-11am Gentle Aerobics

74 High St, Madeley, TF7 5AH
Tel: 01952 567 280
Email: info@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Room Hire Available
Weekdays 9am-4pm






Marks room £17 per hour
Meeting Room £11 per hour
McGavin room £11 per hour

Lift access



Kitchen Facility



Other Services:

NHS
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin
Talking Therapies

Madeley Woodside Sutton Hill
Credit Union Ltd

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Based in Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley

We are your local Credit union run on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of the community of Madeley. Woodside and Sutton Hill, offering a convenient way to save and provide affordable loans.

With the increase in food costs and utility bills we are aware that people are struggling to make ends meet.

So come and join us and start saving on a regular basis even if it is a small amount. Watch your savings grow! Then after a short period of time you will be eligible to apply for a loan. These loans could help with unexpected costs such as utility bills, car repairs, white goods, school uniforms or even Christmas.

We are open Monday and Friday between 10am - 12pm.

For more information call 01952 408111 or email info@mwscreditunion.com



Madeley Social

Social group and activities for over 55s

Thursdays
1-3pm
Term-time only



- Book sessions in advance at Jubilee House reception
- Sessions £2 per week (unless stated on schedule)
- Pick the activities you wish to join

To October half-term		To Christmas	
4 Sep	Curling, games & chat	6 Nov	Feel Good Dance & Social
11 Sep	Dyno Plumbing / buffet	13 Nov	Film
18 Sep	Gentle Chair Yoga with Big Heart Yoga	20 Nov	Chester Xmas Market £10 members / £15 non-members
25 Sep	Bingo	27 Nov	Bingo
2 Oct	Quiz	4 Dec	Craft
9 Oct	Film	11 Dec	Christmas Party (£5)
16 Oct	Citizen's Advice Energy Talk / Cake sale	18 Dec	Curling, games & chat
23 Oct	Craft		Tea, coffee & biscuits every week

For more information about Madeley Social please email charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01952 567280.

Getting social in Madeley

We had a great start to our Madeley Social group when it began in May, and we hope it will continue to thrive through the Autumn and Winter sessions. We've got a schedule in place for a range of activities so if you're over 55, why not consider coming along and taking part.

Madeley Social takes place during term-time on Thursdays from 1-3pm.

Most sessions are £2 per week which ensures we can keep you topped up with a variety of biscuits to have alongside a steady stream of tea and coffee.

It's a friendly group, so if you feel a bit out of your depth coming along to something new, please don't worry, you'll soon settle in and find people you enjoy chatting with.

We ask that you pre-book sessions in advance wherever possible as we do have a limit on the number of people we can welcome along and don't wish to turn you away on the day. Just pop into Jubilee House to pay for your chosen sessions to secure your place.

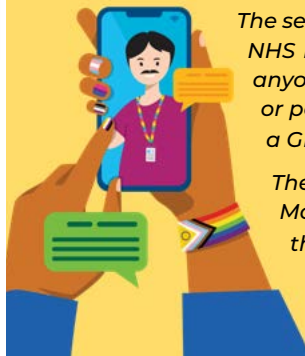
We're excited to be heading off to Chester Christmas Market in November for our Madeley Social trip. It's open to both members (those who attend three or more sessions before the trip) and non-members. Members pay just £10 while the cost for non-members will be £15. The trip will pick up from the bus stop on the High Street opposite Jubilee House at 9.15am, and leave Chester at 3pm, giving you plenty of time to browse the market stalls and shops, and even enjoy some lunch or snacks along the way.

All sessions are now available for booking.



New campaign promoting Talking Therapies support to LGBTQ+ communities

Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Talking Therapies Service is launching a new campaign highlighting its support for LGBTQ+ communities struggling with their mental health.



The service, which is provided by Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, offers a safe and confidential space for anyone aged over 16 who is struggling with anxiety, depression or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) - without the need for a GP referral.

The campaign has been launched to coincide with Pride Month and is being promoted at events, via social media and through poster sites across the county.

People can self-refer online at www.mpft.nhs.uk/stwtt and over the phone on 0300 123 6020.

Are you struggling with **anxiety, post traumatic stress, or depression?**

Talking Therapy is available, without needing to see your GP



NHS
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin
Talking Therapies

Who are we?

Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Talking Therapies are a free NHS Service, providing a range of recommended therapies for common mental health problems, such as anxiety or low mood. We are trained Psychological Therapists, and we offer information, guidance and talking therapies in a range of different formats.

Who is our service for?

Anyone aged over 16 years old registered with a GP in Telford & Wrekin or Shropshire who may be experiencing:

- Anxiety
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Depression
- Phobia
- Panic
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Social Anxiety
- Health Anxiety

How we can help you

The support on offer will focus on helping you move forward and will concentrate on steps that you can take yourself to tackle your difficulties. This can include many different options, including online supported programmes, courses, and one-to-one interventions. We can also signpost you to other services in the area that may be useful to you. You can self-refer and arrange a first appointment online, or call us if you prefer to register by phone. Once your referral is processed we will send you a link to book an appointment online.

During this appointment, the practitioner will discuss your difficulties with you and look at ways in which we can support you to help yourself improve your wellbeing. During your call, we will ask you some questions from a questionnaire to try to understand how severe your difficulties are at the moment. At the end of the appointment, we will talk through the available treatments and agree on next steps.

How to get in touch

Visit our website to speak to Limbic, our robot referral assistant, or complete the online self-referral form.



Scan to complete the
online self-referral form



Talking Therapies can help you identify your thoughts, influence the way you respond to things, helping you to change how you are feeling, for the better.

If you are aged 16 or over,
you can **self-refer online** or over the **phone**

www.mpft.nhs.uk/stwtt
0300 123 6020



Services we offer

Online Supported Programmes

We provide access to online supported CBT (cognitive behavioural therapy) programmes, tailored to your specific needs. The programmes consist of several modules. You can complete these at your own pace, in your own time. The goal is for you to take the information and techniques learned and start applying them in your day-to-day life. At regular intervals, a trained Psychological Therapist will check your progress by telephone or online, and provide feedback and guidance.

Courses

We offer a range of different courses that you may find helpful to book into, covering various topics. These courses are offered both online and face to face, and are focusing on teaching techniques and learning skills. Please check out our websites to look at the timetable of courses available.

One-To-One Support

We offer one to one support with one of our specially trained Psychological Therapists, this can be offered online (via OneConsultation), by telephone, or at a local venue dependant on your needs and where would be more convenient for you. The sessions are time limited and will focus on helping you move forward, by learning new skills and techniques to tackle your difficulties.

Personal Information

All personal information provided to the Trust is treated confidentially. There are, however, some important times when we will need to share information with others in order to optimise your care. It is the responsibility of all health professionals to share some information with your GP and possibly other health care professionals. This is particularly important if there is information which would help to prevent you from harming yourself or someone else.

Madeley Community Library

01952 382950 | library@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk



At Madeley Community Library, we are dedicated to creating a safe, friendly, and family-orientated space at the heart of the community. Our library is more than just a place for books, it's a welcoming hub where everyone can relax, learn and connect. We take pride in offering a wide range of free opportunities and activities for all ages, making it easy for families and individuals to enjoy a day out with us.



Madeley Community Library OPENING TIMES

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9AM - 4PM
Wednesday	9.30AM - 4PM
Thursday	9AM - 4PM
Friday	9AM - 4PM
Saturday	9AM - 12PM
Sunday	Closed



Friday mornings include our Sunflower Hour from 9-10am (quiet time). We ask that phones and other devices be put on silent for this time please.

Contacts

Ellie- Librarian and First Point Officer
Jasmine- Library Assistant

We would like to say a special thank you to Libby and Zara who are off to pastures new.

Phone: 01952 382950

Email: ellie@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk
www.madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Follow us on Instagram & Facebook:
[madeleycommunitylibrary](#)

Madeley Community Library (The Anstice)
Park Avenue, Madeley, Telford TF7 5BB

More than just a library...



Signing Up

Signing up is simple, free & for any age. Children under 16 will need to provide a parent/guardian's contact details. If you are an adult, please remember to bring a form of ID, or simply something with your name on.

You can take out up to 10 books and 10 audios for 3 weeks. You can borrow and return books at any branch.

You will receive a library card and a 4-digit PIN. This will give you access to all the Telford & Wrekin Libraries. It will also give you access to our computers, printing services and Kiosk machines.

Nervous about signing up?
Stay tuned for our sign-up sessions.



Renewing

You can renew books in person, online or via the phone.

Reservations

You can reserve books online using the following website:
<https://library.telford.gov.uk/web/arena/reading-lists>

Alternatively, you can place reservations at the desk or via the phone. These will be available for collection at the front of the library. You may receive a call, text or email when your reservation is ready for collection.

Returns

Returns can be made using the Kiosk machine or at the main desk. We will shelve your returned books for you.

IT Services

- Free computer access
- Free WIFI
- Free Scanning
- Free Access to Ancestry
- Free Access to Driving Theory Practice



The library will soon be supplying Free 6-month SIM cards to be issued to those facing data poverty.

Printing & Photocopying

15p B&W A4 30p Colour A4
30p B&W A3 45p colour A3

Please note it is cash only.

Please sign up to the library to use these services.



Borrow Box

Borrow Box is our App for your phone or tablet where you can access books, audios, magazines and more for free.

Download the App on the App Store and use your library card no. and PIN to create an account. If you need help setting up please come into the library with your device and we can get you set up!

More than just a library...



Families

Bookstart Baby Packs

Available for infants under 12 months, each pack includes a storybook and a finger puppet to encourage early reading.

Children's Reading Challenges

Summer Reading Challenge and Town Trail activities are a fun annual event for children to enjoy reading and explore the town. We will also be launching writing competitions and further reading challenges for children throughout the year.

Crafts

We also run a variety of monthly craft activities - all completely free! Each craft has a different theme and colouring sheets.



New sessions coming this winter:

We are launching Sensory Sessions for infants and young children.

Stay and Play activities are designed to support learning and development through play.

We are collaborating with children's Mind, the NHS and Family Hubs to provide family drop-in sessions and extra support.

Schools

We work closely with local schools to stock the books children need for their studies, helping families access the right resources easily.

We encourage school and nurseries visits to the library, if you would like to arrange a visit please contact us directly.

Additionally, we are happy to serve 'hot chocolate' to students studying in the local area.



A Welcoming Space

This library is breastfeeding-friendly and recognised as a safe space for families.

Disability Support

The library is fully accessible, with step-free access on the ground floor and disabled toilets available. All our bookcases are the recommended distance for wheelchair users.

Additionally, we have free parking on-site, including designated disabled spaces.

Applications & Further Support

We can assist with submitting applications for Blue Badges and Bus Passes. If your application is successful, these will be sent directly to you by post.

The Community Hub is open every Wednesday, offering access to a range of community support services.

We work in partnership with organisations including Citizens Advice, Telford Autism Hub, Healthy Lifestyles and many others.

Every Friday morning, we hold 'Sunflower Hour,' a designated quiet time during which all devices should be placed on silent to support individuals with sensory needs.

The Home Library Service

The Home Library Service is a free service which offers the regular delivery of books to your home. This is for those who may find visiting a local library difficult because of age, disability or responsibility of caring for someone else.

You can request this service at:

<https://webforms.telford.gov.uk/form/199>



Book Accessibility

At Madeley Community Library, we are committed to ensuring that reading is accessible to everyone. Our collection includes a wide range of books designed to support diverse needs.

We stock titles recommended by the Dandelion Group, who advocate for marginalised communities. In addition, we provide a selection of large-print books and audiobooks, ideal for those who may need or prefer alternative formats. There are a range of early reader, and phonics books for young readers. Borrow Box also has a range of dyslexia fonts available online.

We are also proud to work in partnership with Read Easy, who offer one-to-one support for adults learning to read, right here at Madeley Community Library. Contact Claire Dempsey on 07941 515 220 or email tewrleader@readeasy.org.uk

Volunteering

You are welcome to drop in to learn more about our volunteering opportunities and complete a application form.



Alternatively, you can sign up by visiting:

Volunteertelford.co.uk/opportunities/library-volunteer

We are searching for volunteers to lead a variety of clubs and activities, including knitting and crochet, children's story sessions, arts and crafts, book clubs and poetry groups. Volunteer DBS checks are provided.

Book clubs

We believe reading is best enjoyed when shared. That's why we are proud to support two thriving local book clubs, as well as offer opportunities for new groups to get started.



Telford Book Club

Founded by Kay Evans in 2023, Telford Book Club has quickly grown into a warm, welcoming community for readers of all kinds. With the support of Carrieann Clayton and Kerryanne Miles, the club offers much more than just lively discussions about books. Members enjoy author visits, reading retreats, social gatherings and a strong connection with small local businesses.

Telford Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm. If you would like to find out more or join the conversation, you can connect with them here:

Email: telfordbookclub@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1457519048174097/>

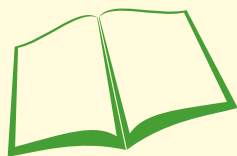
Telford Book Club leaders are happy to meet new starters outside, and sit with them to help ease the anxiety of joining a book club for the first time!

Madeley Book Club

Meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 1pm, the Madeley Book Club is a friendly and engaging group of readers. Due to its popularity, this club is currently at full capacity.

Start Your Own Book Club

Why not start your own book club? Madeley Library supports groups of up to 8 members by providing a set of books each month, delivered straight to the library free of charge. It's a wonderful way to share your love of reading and spark new conversations.



Opening the Door to Reading at Madeley Library

Madeley Library is not only a much-loved community hub, it's also one of the local venues where adults can get free, confidential, one-to-one reading coaching through Read Easy Telford and Shropshire East.

Since 2019, 12 local adults have successfully graduated from the programme. For many, this means being able to read everyday letters, fill in forms, apply for jobs, or share a bedtime story with their children and grandchildren for the very first time.

The government has recently stressed the importance of adults reading with children. But what happens if a parent, grandparent, auntie or uncle, struggles to read themselves?

By supporting adults, we also strengthen family life and create opportunities for the next generation.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from friendly, confidential support, contact Read Easy Telford and Shropshire East today, and contact Claire Dempsey: 07941 515 220 or email tewrleader@readeasy.org.uk

Together, we can make reading possible for everyone.

Telford Book Club

Telford Book Club continues to go from strength to strength. They have recently enjoyed craft sessions at Sweet Little Things in Madeley and a Reading Retreat at a local hotel, as well as their regular book club sessions in the library. Multi-million selling author, Mark Edwards, is joining TBC in September to discuss his recent release, *The Wasp Trap*, in a fully-booked event! There are more things to look forward to before Christmas too, so why not join the Facebook group and get involved in discussions, or pop along to one of the monthly meetings?

The first Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Madeley Library - Monthly Telford Book Club Meeting

One Saturday per month, 10:30 - 12:30 at Southwater Library - TBC Social - reading and chatting with members (dates shared on the Facebook page)

Facebook: Telford Book Club
Email: telfordbookclub@gmail.com



Here is some member feedback:



It's not easy to make friends as an adult. As a passionate reader I'd often thought about joining a book club but anxiety always got the better of me. So, when I discovered The Telford Book Club I followed their social media accounts, until after six months I'd built up the courage to attend my first meeting, and I've been going to every one for the 18 months since!

For anyone watching from the side lines, thinking about joining us, I can't recommend it enough and I wish I'd done it sooner. It's a lovely, supportive, diverse group who all share the same passion for books. I believe in the good work they do so much I have recently become a committee member to help give back to the group that gives so much to others.

From cosy reading retreats and craft socials held at cafes, to the monthly meet at Madeley Library, there's something for every book lover. All of your new friends can't wait to meet you.

— Laura Walters

I decided to join Telford Book Club as I'd become a bit of a social hermit, not really engaging with other people. It's allowed me to not only meet new people, but find new authors, learn new skills via the crafting sessions I attended and also make new friends.

What I first noticed when I began attending is how welcoming everyone was. I felt at ease straight away. I love how diverse the group is, it doesn't take long to find somebody with similar tastes in books.

If anyone is thinking about attending a session I'd definitely recommend doing so. We will all make you feel comfortable and welcome in the group.

— Kieran Devereux



SEPTEMBER EVENTS.

MADELEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY



02 ALL DAY Back To School Activities	02 ALL DAY School Reading Lists	06 ALL DAY Read a Book Day	09 ALL DAY International Literacy Day
13 ALL DAY STEM Saturday	13 10 AM - 11 AM Charity Booksale	13 ALL WEEK Roald Dahl Day	20 2 PM - 4 PM Volunteer Sign Up
26 10 AM - 12 PM Macmillan Coffee Morning	27 10 AM - 10.30 AM Children's Storytime	27 11 AM - 12 PM Flag Crafts	30 1 PM - 4 PM Stay and Play
EVERY WEEK	HOT CHOCOLATE TUESDAY 3 PM - 4 PM Student Tuesdays	COMMUNITY HUB 10 AM - 1 PM Wednesdays	SUNFLOWER HOUR 9 AM - 11 AM Fridays
EVERY MONTH	TELFORD BOOK CLUB 6 PM - 7 PM First Tuesday	MADELEY BOOK CLUB 1 PM - 3 PM First Friday	LEARN TELFORD 10 - 12 PM First Friday
			HEARING LOSS SUPPORT 10 AM - 12 PM Second Thursday

OCTOBER EVENTS.

MADELEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY



02 ALL DAY National Poetry Day	04 10 AM - 12 PM Lantern Crafts	04 ALL WEEK Gruffalo Activities	06 ALL MONTH Horror Writing Competition
07 ALL WEEK Banned Books Week	09 9 AM - 11 AM How to Volunteer	28 1 PM - 3 PM Halloween Crafts	25 10 AM - 1 PM Savern Hospice Booksale
28 ALL DAY Stay and Play	28 10 AM - 12 AM School Anxiety Drop In	29 1 PM - 3 PM Warhammer Creation	31 9 AM - 11 AM Spooky Stories
EVERY WEEK	HOT CHOCOLATE TUESDAY 3 PM - 4 PM Student Tuesdays	COMMUNITY HUB 10 AM - 1 PM Wednesdays	SUNFLOWER HOUR 9 AM - 11 AM Fridays
EVERY MONTH	TELFORD BOOK CLUB 6 PM - 7 PM First Tuesday	MADELEY BOOK CLUB 1 PM - 3 PM First Friday	LEARN TELFORD 10 - 12 PM First Friday
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NOVEMBER EVENTS.

MADELEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY



01 10 - 11 AM Bonfire Crafts	06 10 AM - 11 AM Sign up Support	08 10 AM - 11 AM Poppy Making	11 11 AM - 3 PM Remembrance Day
13 ALL DAY Children In Need	15 10 AM - 11 AM Water Colours	19 10 PM - 1 PM Story Senses	24 ALL WEEK National Tree Week
25 10 AM - 11 AM Booksale for charity	26 10 AM - 12 PM Stay and Play	27 1 PM - 4 PM Warhammer Creation	29 ALL DAY Santa's Grotto
EVERY WEEK	HOT CHOCOLATE TUESDAY 3 PM - 4 PM Student Tuesdays	COMMUNITY HUB 10 AM - 1 PM Wednesdays	SUNFLOWER HOUR 9 AM - 11 AM Fridays
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DECEMBER EVENTS.

MADELEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY



02 ALL MONTH Letters To Santa	02 ALL MONTH Winter Reading Challenge	02 ALL DAY Book and Toy Swap	12 ALL DAY Hot Chocolate Friday for All
13 10 AM - 11 AM Christmas Card Making	16 10 AM - 1 PM Children's Sensory session	20 10 - 11 AM Christmas Decorations	20 9 AM - 11 AM Winter Water Colour Painting

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Library will be closed:
23rd Dec - 01st Jan 2026

EVERY WEEK	HOT CHOCOLATE TUESDAY 3 PM - 4 PM Student Tuesdays	COMMUNITY HUB 10 AM - 1 PM Wednesdays	SUNFLOWER HOUR 9 AM - 11 AM Fridays
EVERY MONTH	TELFORD BOOK CLUB 6 PM - 7 PM First Tuesday	MADELEY BOOK CLUB 1 PM - 3 PM First Friday	LEARN TELFORD 10 - 12 PM First Friday
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Let's Talk Health & Wellbeing

Volunteers wanted



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The Community Blood Pressure Project is a local project which aims to reduce the number of premature deaths from heart attacks and strokes by detecting high blood pressure earlier so people can be treated where needed. High blood pressure is very common.

There are usually no signs or symptoms, so people don't realise they have it without getting checked. This is why helping people to get their blood pressure checked is so important.

The project needs you! We're looking for new volunteers to join us as Health Champion Blood Pressure Checker to support the project at community events in the South East Telford and at The Madeley Live Well Hub.

For more information please contact:
health.champions@telford.gov.uk

Support the Telford & Wrekin Community Blood Pressure Project and become a Blood Pressure Checker



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charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk
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Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

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Admiral Nurses**

Telford

**Life-changing support
and advice for families
affected by dementia**



Cheryl Scarrott
Admiral Nurse, Telford

To find out if we can support you:

Call: **01952 580479**

Email: shropcom.admiralnurses@nhs.net

Opening hours: **Monday to Friday,
8.30am–4.30pm, excluding bank holidays**

You can also contact the national Admiral Nurse Dementia

Helpline for support with any aspect of dementia:

0800 888 6678 or email helpline@dementiauk.org

dementiauk.org • Dementia UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1039404) and Scotland (SC047429)



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- ✓ Physiotherapist
- ✓ Social Prescribers



Christmas Opening Hours

- Open as normal
- Closed

Court Street Medical Practice

90%

Describe their overall experience at Court Street Medical Practice as good

95%

Find our receptionists to be helpful

96%

Felt their needs were met during their last GP appointment

GP PATIENT SURVEY

Read more: www.gp-patient.co.uk

Franklin Fights for Gold

Starting martial arts at four, **Franklin**, now thirteen, is a multi-medallist in Jiu-Jitsu, Kickboxing, Kobudo Weaponry, and Wado-Ryu Karate, with podium finishes at world-level events. He also mentors younger students, promoting discipline and positive values.



Generous sponsorship from **Court Street Medical Practice** has helped cover vital training and competition costs, enabling Franklin to focus on excelling in his sport and proudly representing his country at the World Championships in Frankfurt and Swansea.

MON 22 DEC	TUE 23 DEC	WED 24 DEC	THU 25 DEC	FRI 26 DEC	SAT 27 DEC	SUN 28 DEC
MON 29 DEC	TUE 30 DEC	WED 31 DEC	THU 1 JAN	FRI 2 JAN	SAT 3 JAN	SUN 4 JAN

Accepting new patients

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We welcome new registrations regardless of race, belief, sexual orientation, or lifestyle.



Live Well Community Hub

Have you been along to the Live Well Community Hub yet? We have a wide range of services joining us every week offering FREE valuable advice and support.

Our core services join us every week and include:

- Healthy Lifestyles
- Blood pressure checking
- Telford Mind Social Prescribers
- Independent Living Centre
- Telford & Wrekin CVS – advice for Telford Autism and Children's Autism Hubs, SENDIASS, Adult and Young Carers every week.

In addition to our core services, we welcome other great services into the Community Hub that further support our aim to provide

relevant advice and support that can positively impact the health and wellbeing of our local residents.

Please check out the schedule of guest services below to see who will be joining our core organisations until the end of the year.

All services are available on a drop-in basis so there's no need for an appointment, just come along and have a chat while enjoying a complimentary tea or coffee.

If you have any questions about the Live Well Community Hub, or you are part of an organisation that you think could offer some relevant advice and support to the local community, please contact charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01952 567288.

Schedule of Services

24 September

Citizen's Advice
Healthy Heart Bus
(Outside The Anstice)
Carers Project/Adult Practitioner
Telford College
Learn Telford

1 October

Telford Crisis Support
Telford Energy Advice
Lifeline Cancer Awareness

8 October

Citizen's Advice
Learn Telford
Healthy Heart Bus
(Outside The Anstice)

15 October

Christians Against Poverty

22 October

Citizen's Advice
Healthy Heart Bus (Outside The Anstice)
Carers Project/Adult Practitioner
Telford College

29 October

COMMUNITY DAY – RUSSELL SQUARE,
MADELEY

5 November

Housing Plus Group
Healthy Heart Bus (Outside The Anstice)

12 November

Citizen's Advice
Lifeline Cancer Awareness

19 November

Healthy Heart Bus (Outside The Anstice)
Christians Against Poverty
Carers Project/Adult Practitioner
Learn Telford

26 November

Citizen's Advice
Telford Crisis Support
Telford Energy Advice
Telford College

3 December

Housing Plus Group
Healthy Heart Bus (Outside The Anstice)

10 December

Citizen's Advice
Telford Crisis Support
Telford Energy Advice
Learn Telford
Admiral Nurses
Lifeline Cancer Awareness

17 December

Healthy Heart Bus (Outside The Anstice)
Christians Against Poverty
Carers Project/Adult Practitioner
Telford College

Directory of services

Blood Pressure Checking – Weekly service with trained volunteers able to check your blood pressure and advise you of next steps if your numbers show concern.

Healthy Lifestyles – Weekly service offering information, advice and support whether you want to eat better, drink less, exercise more, reduce your weight, stop smoking, or lower your blood pressure, cholesterol or risk of developing type two diabetes.

Social Prescribers – Weekly service. Social prescribers are embedded within local GP surgeries alongside GPs and other practice staff aiming to connect you to community services and activities that support your health and wellbeing using a therapeutic approach, as well as providing practical, helpful and non-judgemental support.

Independent Living Centre – The Independent Living Centre offers both preventative and responsive support to individuals to enable them and their families to live well and safe in their community, potentially remaining independent in their own homes for longer.

People can come along to receive support around daily living as well as access the wide-ranging information, advice and signposting the centre offer. As well as receiving advice and support you'll be able to see and try a number of "gadgets" that can make independent living a reality.

Telford & Wrekin CVS –

SENDIASS – Telford and Wrekin SENDIASS service provides access to impartial and independent information about Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), health and social care for children, young people and their parents and carers.

We can give you information in relation to SEND law to enable you to participate in and make informed decisions regarding your child's education, as well as supporting you to prepare for meetings, explaining and understanding reports, listening to your views and concerns and ultimately work to build positive outcomes.

Young Carers – The Young Carers Service provides advice and support for all young carers in Telford from age 5 to 18 offering one-to-one support, term-time Youth Club, holiday and half-term activities, trips and events, school drop-ins information and advice for the whole family and more.

If you think you're a young carer or you know a child or young person who is caring, come along and speak to us for more information and advice.





Directory of services

Carers Team - The Carers Team support and enable unpaid family carers, over the age of 18, to improve their quality of life and to be more confident and able in their caring role. The team can provide listening ear and give support when it is needed most, help access available support and services, create opportunities to have a voice in the planning and development of services, access appropriate financial support, provide up to date information, and access support groups that provide an opportunity to socialise and take a break from their caring role, share information, gain support and discuss topics of interest with carers in similar situations. If you, or someone you know is an adult carer, come and have a chat.

Telford Autism Hub – Come and speak to us about all aspects of adult autism including understanding more about autism, support to find out if you are autistic, how to access other help and support, as well as opportunities to meet and socialise with others and support to become more confident and independent.

Telford Children's Autism Hub - Whether your child has just received a diagnosis, or you are looking for information to help your child flourish our team are here to offer you guidance and support. Our Children's Autism Hub is open to all children and young people aged 0-18, and their families, who have a diagnosis of Autism. To access our Children's Autism Hub you need to be a resident of Telford and Wrekin.

Citizen's Advice – Come along and chat to an advisor if you're looking to make your money go further, are unsure if you might be entitled to benefits, or think you might be paying too much for you gas and electricity. We will have access to advice and bookings on the day.

Healthy Heart Bus – Have your height and weight measured, along with your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugars tested to provide you with an idea of our cardiovascular health. It's an opportunity to find out valuable information, and take preventative action to improve your long-term health for yourself and your family.

Carers Project/Adult Practitioner – Providing help and support to unpaid carers in the local community, completing carers assessments and giving information to help people within that caring role, such as help access to local groups and other Telford & Wrekin Council support which may be on offer.

Housing Plus Group – Members of Housing Plus Group will be available to discuss all things lettings, tenancy and other issues within the community.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – Help and advice around debt and poverty. With a team of hundreds of dedicated staff members and hundreds of incredible churches delivering services, people in desperate need are discovering life-changing freedom and hope every day. Since 1996, CAP has seen tens of thousands of families and individuals break free from debt and poverty. And as the impact of the cost-of-living crisis is felt in households across the UK, they know there is much more to be done.

Liveline Cancer Awareness - Through direct contact with people of all ages the LiveLife Cancer Awareness Service works to break down some of the barriers people may have in talking about cancer. Raising awareness of the importance of early diagnosis and signs & symptoms, providing free, evidence based, high quality information and resources. Come in and find out about the different cancer screenings available and what signs and symptoms you should be looking out for.

Telford Crisis Support – Many individuals are now finding themselves in crisis for a number of reasons. Telford Crisis Support is here to help with a wide range of emergencies, including food, school uniform, winter coats and shoes, providing for the needs of babies and toddlers, advice on money worries and providing link worker support. If you, or someone you know, are struggling, come in and see how Telford Crisis Support can help.

Telford Energy Advice - Free & Impartial Energy Advice on keeping warm at home, energy bills, tariffs and suppliers, heating and hot water, and insulation and heating grants.

Telford Energy Advice (TEA) provides a free energy advice service by trained advisors. For those who need it, there is the option of a follow up home visit or ongoing casework support. Home Energy Checks and Free Low-Cost Measures

TEA provide or fit low-cost energy saving measures such as LED lightbulbs, draughtproofing and reflective radiator panels to householders in need, as well as wider advice on cutting energy costs and improving the energy efficiency of the home

Learn Telford – Learn Telford aims to widen the participation so as many sections of the community as possible can experience the joy and wider benefits that taking part in learning can bring, such as improved confidence and wellbeing, reduced social isolation and much more. The service also aims to support adults to improve their skills and therefore increase their chance of employment and progression.

Telford College – Supporting Adults aged 19 and over into learning and work. Explore flexible online learning options with funded Level 2 and 3 courses. Join Telford College's Into Employment programme to gain new skills and return to work with confidence. Short courses in areas like Mental Health and Team Leading also available. Pop in to find out how Telford College can support your journey in learning and employment. **All courses subject to criteria.

Admiral Nurses – Dementia UK - Admiral nurses support families living with dementia. When things get challenging Admiral Nurses work alongside you to give expert advice, one to one support and practical solutions that families need that can be hard to find elsewhere, helping them live more positively with dementia. Admiral Nurses are continually trained, developed and supported by Dementia UK.



Live Well Community

Advice in your community

We offer a drop-in session at the Madeley Live Well Community hub, every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

We provide independent and impartial advice on welfare benefits, reducing your energy costs, debt, housing problems and employment disputes - just drop in for a confidential chat with us

If you can't make it, call us on **0808 278 7988**

Visit our website to see all of our community locations, or you can also submit an out-of-hours contact us form by scanning the QR code:

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Healthy Hearts

Take control of your health

An NHS Health Check can detect early symptoms and reduce your risk of long-term illness



We're on tour!

If you're a patient at Stirchley, Court Street or Woodside Medical Practices and eligible for an NHS Health Check, come and see us at a drop-in near you.



Court Street
Medical Practice



FREE

Community Day

Bringing communities together for
information, advice, fun and activities

Wednesday 29 October
10am - 1pm

Russell Square
& Green,
Madeley

Many of our Live Well Community
Hub services and more will be available
to chat to.

Plus...

...free circus skills, climbing wall,
bouncy castle, inflatables and more



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LIVE WELL
COMMUNITY HUB

Come and speak with a range of providers
offering guidance on personal health, wellbeing,
care requirements and more.

Every Wednesday, 10am - 1pm at
Madeley Community Library
in the Anstice

You will find a welcoming space to talk about your
needs and concerns, and enjoy a tea or coffee.

Weekly services include:

Blood pressure checking
Healthy Lifestyles
Independent Living Centre
Telford Mind Social Prescribers
Telford & Wrekin CVS
plus...regular guest services

Helping to give you the tools and knowledge
necessary to make small, yet impactful, changes to
your life.



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For more information about the
Live Well Community Hub and the
service providers attending email
charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or
call 01952 567288

THE Anstice NEWS...

On behalf of the Anstice team, we want to thank the local community for your tremendous support. Your involvement, whether through donating, attending our events, enjoying the fresh bakes in our warm café or simply spreading the word, is sincerely valued. We are excited to continue our future initiatives as we work together and build an even stronger community.

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to our volunteers. Your willingness to give your time and energy to The Anstice is truly invaluable. Thank you for all that you do and for being such a vital part of our team.

After a fantastic summer at The Anstice filled with family events to entertain the 6-week holidays – Huge thanks to Janice Jones for generously funding this with the Councilors Pride Fund 2025. We also hosted the most beautiful weddings, private parties and dance nights. We are looking forward to sharing with you what is coming up at The Anstice over the Autumn and Winter months.

To name a few, we have -

- Rule the World: Take That tribute Band on Saturday 4th October
- Johnny 2 Bad: UB40 Tribute on Saturday 20th December
- New Years Eve party with DJs Kev Thursfield & Clive Jones on Wednesday 31st December

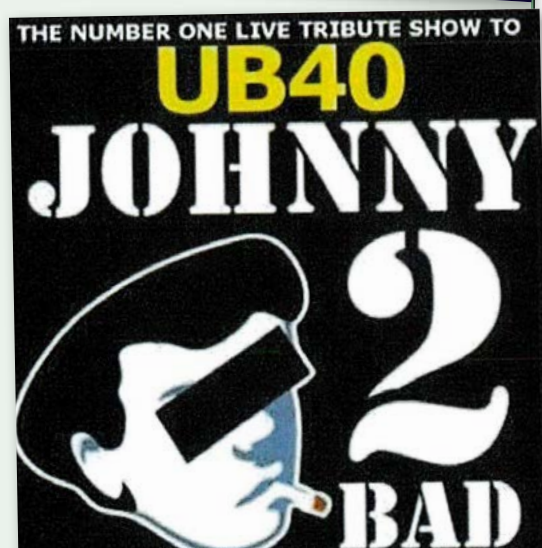


THE Anstice

You will find more of our events and regular classes on our website '@theanstice.co.uk' or should you have any questions about what's on, regarding hiring our hall or wish to book tickets, you're welcome to pop in and talk to one of the Anstice Team. Alternatively, you could email us on 'info@theanstice.co.uk' or give us a call on '01952 567230'.

We look forward to seeing you!

Team Anstice x





WHAT'S ON

Find us at
104 – 106 Southgate,
Sutton Hill, Telford
TF7 4HG

For the latest news & events
follow us on social media
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SUTTON HILL SOCIAL FREE WELLBEING SESSIONS

JOIN OUR WEEKLY WELLBEING ACTIVITIES!



EVERY THURSDAY

10:00AM UNTIL 12:00PM

AT HUB ON THE HILL, SOUTHGATE,
TELFORD TF7 4HG

WEEKLY SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- ARTS AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- GARDENING PROJECTS
- FILM DAYS
- PLUS MORE!

**FREE WEEKLY LUNCH &
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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT

SUTTON HILL RESIDENTS MEETING

HAVE YOUR SAY!

- ➔ Discuss local issues
- ➔ Meet your local Councillors & West Mercia Police

JOIN US:

Monday 29th September
Monday 27th October
Monday 24th November

6 - 7pm

@ The Hub on the Hill

EVERYONE WELCOME



Cllr Paul Wadding



Cllr James Jones



Cllr Derek White

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Hub on the Hill Youth Clubs

Mondays

4.30pm – 6.30pm
ICAN2 Members
Youth Club

Wednesdays

3.30pm – 5.30pm
Ages 10 – 12

Tuesdays

3.30pm – 5.30pm
Ages 6 – 9

Thursdays

3.30pm – 5.30pm
Ages 13 – 16

New schedule from 2nd June!



4 All
FOUNDATION

Indoor **"CAR BOOT SALE"** 

Next "car boot" sale
Saturday 15 November
 Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill
 Spaces Are FREE. Sale from **10am-12noon** (set up from 9am)

Come along and grab a bargain from our wonderful stall holders.
The Cafe will be open selling tea, coffee and breakfast sandwiches to fuel your buying and selling!

To book a space, please email zoe@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01952 898052

Our next car boot sale is just days away!

With one car boot sale having just taken place this September, we are now looking forward to our next event which will be taking place on Saturday 15 November.

Car boot sales are a great opportunity to make a little extra cash to help with the ever-increasing cost of living, and now is the perfect time to get preparing for Christmas with a clear out that might contribute a few pennies to the pot.

For those coming along to browse and buy, it's equally as rewarding, with the chance to save money compared to buying new, and potentially saving perfectly good items going to waste by giving them a new home. You might even grab some bargains for Christmas. Madeley Town Council is committed to becoming carbon neutral, and a car boot sale is a great way to deliver that commitment with a community focus that also supports local residents.

Tables are free so if you want to come along and sell your pre-loved items any money you make really is yours.

Our next sale is on Saturday 15 November at the Hub on the Hill in Sutton Hill, where the café will also be open for you to enjoy a drink and a breakfast sandwich to fuel your shopping and selling.

If you wish to book a table, please get in touch by emailing to zoe@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or calling 01952 898052.

All events take place from 10am-12noon, with set-up from 9am.

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COFFEE MORNING



Join us on **26th September**

Join us in support of Macmillan -
 Coffee & Cake just £2 or
 Pre-book your afternoon tea for
 2 people at just £10

Phone: 01952 898 052

 **Book By Calling or Scan QR Code** 

Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill, TF7 4HG

HALLOWEEN DISCO



FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
FAMILIES OF MADELEY AND SUTTON HILL
1PM - 3PM
TICKETED EVENT (TO BE RELEASED SOON)
@Hub on the Hill

CALLING ALL FORMER & CURRENT ARMED FORCES & EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL

MODEL MAKING



HUB ON THE HILL
104-106 Southgate, Telford. TF7 4HG
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
13:30 - 16:30
garymorris6890@gmail.com

Model Making at the Hub on the Hill

Drop in for Model Making at the Hub on the Hill in Sutton Hill!

These regular Models for Heroes sessions are open to all UK Armed Forces personnel (including veterans) and Emergency Service personnel and meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1.30 to 4.30PM. There is no cost and you can either grab one of the free kits or bring your own. No need to book or pre-register, just drop in at any time for a warm welcome and free brew & banter.

For further information, please contact Gary Morris at garymorris6890@gmail.com or phone Mobile: 07539 818240.



PARK LANE CENTRE

A Better Tomorrow

Telford project to tackle domestic abuse wins new funding

A pioneering project which supports survivors of domestic abuse and provides training to help tackle the issue has had its funding extended for a further year.

Now the Lived Experience Advisory Forum (LEAF) wants to hear from more people who have lived through domestic abuse and more companies which want to take advantage of its free training to help address the issue.

LEAF is a joint project between community interest companies A Better Tomorrow and Voices Social Enterprise and works to raise awareness of domestic abuse across Telford & Wrekin and ensure that services meet the needs of victims and survivors.

Tracey Secker, the founder of Voices Social Enterprise, said the new funding from Telford & Wrekin Council would take the project through to at least March 2026.

"We're delighted to have secured funding for another year," she said.

"We want to hear from as many victims and survivors as possible through our feedback groups, so that we can ensure that the support services available across Telford reflect their needs and are exactly what is required.

"And we also want to hear from more companies and businesses which want to take part in our free training sessions and our ambassador programme. It's vital that as many people as possible can spot the signs of domestic abuse, and that companies and other groups can offer support and help.

Chief executive officer at A Better Tomorrow, Scott Morgan



"One in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic abuse. One person on a recent training session told me that they didn't think they knew anybody who was a victim until they had had the training, and then they realised they knew three or four.

"That's the difference we can make working with the business community."

Scott Morgan, A Better Tomorrow chief executive, said: *"The LEAF project has been a huge success since it launched in September, and we are delighted that it will continue its work supporting survivors and raising awareness in the wider community."*

Voices Social Enterprise delivers domestic abuse awareness training for organisations and individuals, along with supporting organisations and businesses to create domestic abuse policies.

The organisation also raises awareness on trauma and other forms of abuse and collaborates with a number of individuals with lived experience and non-profit organisations.

A Better Tomorrow, based in Woodside, Telford, was set up in 2014 to offer supported housing and a recovery programme for people with addiction and substance misuse. Its work has since expanded to include housing and support for those with mental health issues and homeless people, and most recently to provide a refuge for single women fleeing domestic abuse.

For more information about Voices Social Enterprise visit <https://voices-social-enterprise.co.uk/> and to find out more about A Better Tomorrow visit <https://abtgroup.org.uk/>

Telford Repair Café Come along to our **Repair Café event**

If it's broken, don't bin it! Bring it to us and let us try to fix it

Saturday 27th September 10am-2pm
Park Lane Centre, Park Lane
Woodside, Telford, TF7 5QZ

(Please bring any repairs before 12pm)



We aim to fix: soft toys, clothing, home furnishings, ornaments, household & electrical items.
Please, for safety, no petrol powered items.

 **Pop-up collection point for Terracycle Telford.**
See Terracycle Facebook page for details

  Follow us all on

Our events are held on the last Saturday of the month, except December, at various locations.
A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England charity number 1202453

DO YOU REALLY NEED TO THROW IT AWAY?



Nowadays, we can be very quick to throw things away if they break and buy new. But how broken is the item? Could someone with the right skills fix it and save you the time and cost of buying a new one?

Telford Repair Café is trying to break the cycle of the throwaway culture we find ourselves in, and they are aiming to bring items back to life so they can be enjoyed for years to come. It's great for the environment, and equally the bank account too.

Volunteers with a wide range of skills are on hand to help and aim to fix soft toys, home furnishings, ornaments, household and electrical items.

We have been lucky to welcome Telford Repair Café to the area a few times now, and are looking forward to their visit at the end of September at the Park Lane Centre in Woodside.

They will be accepting items from 10am-12noon, aiming to fix what they can by the time they finish at 2pm. Repairs are free, but any donations are gratefully received to allow for the purchase of replacement nuts, bolts, screws, cotton etc to be restocked for future events.

Of course, you'll be able to wait around and enjoy a coffee and some cake (we can't forget about the Café part of the day), or you can leave your details and return before 2pm to collect.

It's another great initiative to support our carbon neutral commitment, and we hope you will come along and support them on Saturday 27 September at the Park Lane Centre in Woodside.

PARK LANE CENTRE

Let's talk... **MENOPAUSE**

*-Friendly, relaxing and supportive
-Everyone welcome*

FREE

Let's talk...menopause takes place on the second Wednesday of every month

Join us for one of our remaining 2025 dates:



- 10th September
- 8th October
- 12th November
- 10th December

Complimentary tea & coffee

**Park Lane Centre, Woodside
7-8pm**

For more information about Let's talk...menopause please contact Charlotte at Madeley Town Council on 01952 567288 or email charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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WOODSIDE YOUTH CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY



Park Lane Centre, Woodside


NO NEED TO BOOK

Junior Youth Club
(6 years to 11 years)
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Senior Youth Club
(12 years to 15 years)
4:30pm - 6:00pm

Activities will include
sports, arts/crafts, game consoles, pool, darts *and more!*

 **YOUTH OFFER** 

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER •
3PM - 5.30PM**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STALL AT THIS EVENT - PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.
EMAIL US AT RECEPTION@PARKLANECENTRE.CO.UK
CALL US ON 01952 683 700
OR POP IN AND SEE US

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Messy Church **SUTTON HILL & WOODSIDE CHURCH**

Christingle

Join us at :

**Sutton Hill Church Saturday
13th December 2025 at 3.30pm**

**Park Lane Centre Wednesday
17th December 2025 at 3.15pm**

book by email dawn.taffinder@gmail.com
or via Facebook Church at Sutton Hill and Woodside

 **The Children's Society**

Flags of Service: A Lasting Tribute Through Community Art

Our community has come together to create a powerful and lasting tribute to mark the end of the Second World War, a sculptural artwork called Flags of Service. Working with local artist Roz, from Pneuma Affinity, this installation was born from a series of community workshops where local people contributed their stories, creativity, and reflections to honour those who have served - and continue to serve - our country.

The sculpture features a series of ceramic and glass flags, each one uniquely crafted to represent individuals from our local area who have a connection to military service. Interwoven with these personal tributes are iconic sayings and phrases from the war-time era, capturing the resilience, spirit, and unity that defined a generation.

Through hands-on workshops, residents of all ages participated in designing and making the flags, learning new skills and connecting with our shared history.

Whether through remembering a loved one, honouring their own service, or simply engaging with stories from the past, each participant helped shape this moving tribute.

Flags of Service now stands not only as a commemorative artwork but also as a testament to the power of community, remembrance, and creative expression.



NATIVITY & CAROL SERVICE

Join us at the **PARK LANE CENTRE** on
Tuesday 23rd December 2025



WOODSIDE



2.30pm Doors Open for Children Nativity Dress up.
Adults need to stay with the children so bring the whole family and come to be part of the Christmas Story and see the Farm on Wheels

3.30pm Doors Open

3.45pm Carol Service with Nativity Starts

4.30pm Refreshments



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Diocese of Hereford

PARK LANE CENTRE

Woodside Working Together: Building a Stronger Future for the Community

A major new initiative has been launched on the Woodside Estate that aims to put local people at the heart of positive change. **Woodside Working Together** is a five-year programme, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, designed to strengthen community connections, support local priorities, and create new opportunities for residents.

The programme is being delivered through **The Park Lane Centre** by a small but dedicated team – the project lead, Snow and the newly appointed support worker, Louis – who will work alongside existing community groups, initiatives, and a new **Community Forum**. The Forum will play a central role in identifying priorities and shaping projects, ensuring that local voices are heard at every stage.



Listening First: Community Forum Launch

The project began with a Community Consultation event aimed at understanding local strengths and challenges, hearing directly from residents about their experiences, and identifying where improvements could make the biggest difference. This approach reflects the core ethos of Woodside Working Together: collaboration, empowerment, and action rooted in the community.

Delivering Local Projects Each Year

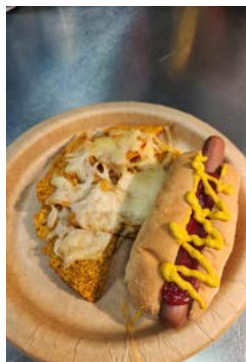
Over the course of the programme, the team is committed to delivering at least three community initiatives per year, each linked to National Lottery goals, community priorities, and wider partnerships across the area. For the first year (April to April), the projects are:

- **Youth Education, Employment & Aspirations Project** – supporting young people who may be at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) through a mix of skills development, mentoring, and access to opportunities.
- **Winter Fuel Poverty Initiative** – launching in November to provide essential support for households struggling with rising energy costs.
- **Local Community Directory** – creating a go-to resource to connect residents with services, groups, and opportunities in Woodside.

Youth Focus: The Hangout Café

The first major project to launch is the **Youth Education, Employment & Aspirations Project**, beginning this summer with the opening of **The Hangout Café** at The Park Lane Centre. Aimed at young people aged 14+, the café provides a safe and welcoming space to socialise while also offering vital support. Alongside free food and activities, young people can access:

- ✓ CV support and interview skills
- ✓ Mentoring, volunteering, and mental health guidance
- ✓ Work shadowing opportunities



By offering real alternatives, the project aims to **build resilience, improve wellbeing, and open doors** to brighter futures for young people while reducing risks linked to exploitation or involvement in the criminal justice system.

Powered by Volunteers

A key part of Woodside Working Together is harnessing the skills, time, and lived experience of local residents. Volunteers will play an active role in driving projects forward, supporting local research, and helping build resilience across the community. In turn, the programme will provide **training, experience, and opportunities to upskill** – ensuring that the benefits of the project last well beyond its five-year funding.

A Community Built Together

By combining strong local partnerships, volunteer power, and a commitment to listening to residents, Woodside Working Together is more than just a project – it's a movement to create **lasting positive change** across the estate. As the programme develops, its success will depend on the same principle it was founded on: **working together as a community, for the community**.

Woodside Working Together: Pop-Up Youth Café Going from Strength to Strength

The **Woodside Pop-Up Youth Café**, part of the **Woodside Working Together Project** funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, has been a real hit with local young people.

Held **every other Friday evening from 5.00pm–8.00pm at Woody's Café in The Park Lane Centre**, the café offers **free food, fun activities, and a welcoming space** for young people to socialise and connect. Each week, local services also join in, providing information, support, and opportunities tailored to young people's needs.

The response has been fantastic, with **30–50 young people attending each session**. The project is also helping to build skills for the future by training up **young volunteers to help run the kitchen**, offering them valuable **training and work experience**.

Looking ahead, Woodside Working Together is excited to announce a **Careers Fair on Thursday 26th September**, running alongside the Hangout Café. Local businesses, services, and colleges are being invited to take part, giving young people a chance to explore opportunities in **education, employment, skills development, and volunteering** – and to take positive steps toward their futures.

The café is currently funded until May 2026, but with its growing success, plans are underway to secure funding to continue the service for as long as it's needed.

Woodside's Pop-Up Youth Café is proving that when a community works together, it can create lasting change and brighter opportunities for young people.

DON'T MISS THE CAREERS FAIR!

Date: Thursday 26th September **Time:** 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Location: Woody's Café, The Park Lane Centre

Come along to explore future opportunities, meet local businesses and colleges, and enjoy the friendly atmosphere of the Hangout Café!





Message from Shaun Davies MP



LOOKING AFTER THE Environment



Following the election on 4th July 2024 – when you did me the honour of electing me as your MP – September marks around a year of actually sitting in Parliament. It's been a whirlwind of a year, and I'm only just catching my breath.

New Governments tend to move at breakneck speed in their first year, and this one was no exception. We've already seen legislation passed to bring our railways into public ownership; to set up GB Energy, a publicly-owned clean energy provider; to ban bonuses for bad water bosses; and more. There's plenty more in the pipeline, too, including the Crime and Policing Bill and Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill.

As well as changing laws, the Government has got on with the hard work of fixing our economy, our public services and our broken foundations. Already, the NHS waiting list has hit a new two-year low; the rate of forced migration returns is up 14% on the previous year; and we've had three straight quarters of growth.

For me personally, I've loved every minute of having Telford's back over the past year. I've supported more than 6000 constituents through casework, saving them over £125,000; helped secure £199m in Government funding for Telford & Wrekin Council, and £159m for West Mercia Police; and made more than 60 visits to Telford schools, businesses, stakeholders and partners.

I'll always stand up for all of Telford, but the last year has brought some real highlights in Madeley specifically. I was proud to hold my first ever MP coffee morning at the Anstice in Madeley Library; I attended Madeley's absolutely incredible VE Day celebrations; and I turned on the Madeley Christmas lights for a second year in a row.

If I can ever help you, or if you've got a community event you'd like to be a part of, please don't hesitate to let me know.

You can contact me at shaun.davies.mp@parliament.uk, and follow me on Facebook, Instagram and more. And don't forget to sign up to my weekly newsletter to stay updated!

Madeley Town Council

Community Action Team (C.A.T)

Since joining the C.A.T (Community Action Team) around 18 months ago, it's safe to say the work day to day varies. It could be checking & tidying play areas, to cutting back overgrown hedges and vegetation encroaching into footpaths.

As the Summer schedule comes to an end, we will likely move onto a lot of leaf clearance of paths and the winter prune will start. We can both say (Kerry and Mark - Madeley West C.A.T) & (Mark & Paul Madeley East C.A.T) that we enjoy being out in the community and meeting the local residents of Woodside and Madeley, and also being able to respond to residents' concerns and issues around the area promptly.



Southfield before



Southfield after



Waverley path before



Waverley path after





Madeley Orchard, Madeley United Charity

In the last few weeks, the Orchard has reopened and good news it is too. It is wonderful to see people sitting, walking dogs, and just enjoying the beauty of this area. It was a much-missed space while we were sorting a few legal and financial issues behind the scenes.

The Orchard is owned by Madeley United Charity. We have five trustees at present and are working on a couple more to be responsible for this historic charity. We have Rev Dawn Taffinder, Phil Owens, Cllr Derek White, Cllr Janice Jones and Rev Andy Ackroyd. Having a full complement of trustees makes running this amazing charity more realistic. We have also managed to get access to the bank accounts relating to the trust, which in turn means public liability insurance and water can now be paid for. All good progress and great news.

Returning to an open 'Orchard' was much anticipated and eagerly awaited, but we also knew that mother nature would not have waited for practicalities to be sorted. On returning to this beautiful space, we all knew that it would be overgrown and needing some TLC. With a little help from a local contractor, and a huge amount of work from the 'Madeley Orchard Group', on Tuesday and Thursday mornings – they are turning this around very impressively. Thank you to the growing number of volunteers who turn up to help on these mornings. The trustees appreciate your time, commitment and hard work. More helpers always gratefully received.

Open afternoon

We are having an open afternoon on Saturday 11th October 2pm – 4pm. The trustees will be on site, snacks and drinks will be freely available. The invitation is to come and spend time in the Orchard and chat to us about what hopes you have for this valued community space.

Partners / Stakeholders

In the new year we will be calling a public meeting for possible partners and stakeholders. We are looking for individuals, groups, organisations, schools and businesses who want to see the Orchard flourish and who want their organisation to access and use this place of beauty.

Some groups or organisations may want an area or a project that they can be responsible for. Some may want it for art, wellbeing or a whole host of other appropriate activities. Once we have an idea of who is interested, we will plan for the future. We will create a booking system for groups, raise our presence on social media, and also create a 'management group' – that look after the day to day running of the Orchard and also are accountable to the trustees.

The Orchard will of course remain open any time for individuals to walk, sit, reflect and relax. Individuals are of course covered on our public liability insurance. Group use is something we want to encourage, but the trustees will have to do due diligence around safeguarding, insurance and risk assessments – as you would expect in the modern world.

The orchard is back, it belongs to you, come and enjoy it once again.



**MADELEY
COMMUNITY ORCHARD
BARTLETT GARDENS**

**OPEN
AFTERNOON
Saturday
11th OCTOBER
2-4pm**

Price of admission
free

About Us
The Orchard is a beautiful community space. This time of year it is full of flowers and fruit. Join us to celebrate the reopening of this wonderful space

About the day
Stalls, refreshments, meet the Madeley Orchard Group, meet the Trustees Find out about how you can join in or simply enjoy the space

For More Information
contact Madeley United Charity
07549 868893

Madeley Orchard Volunteers

It's lovely for us to be back on the Orchard after the 3 months of lockdown out. During that time everything went on growing, especially the grass and the weeds. Madeley United Charities, who owns the land, managed eventually to sort out the insurance and all the paperwork. They also agreed to pay a contractor with heavy mowing machines to come in and cut the open areas and for this we are very grateful.

The volunteers were delighted to be back. We had been meeting every week at the gate and going on a walk planned by one of the group. Often ending in coffee and cake. This brought the group closer together and friendships grew, but it was still good to get back.

We quickly realised this was a very big job and we needed help. Some local people who love the Orchard offered to help. We fixed a date and they came with shears, secateurs and strimmers. The amazing group that work on Beeches field also came and performed miracles. They took over the rows of fruit trees and have been coming for several weeks. We could not have managed without them, they did a great job and are still coming.



The Men in Sheds have also helped us get back on our feet. They collected the broken gate joining us to the church and rebuilt it and rehung it so it's now bigger and better than before. They also helped with bench repairs and removal of graffiti.

It was also great to have the group from Home Farm return to us. They had really missed their visits to us. They have now cleared the raised beds and are starting to replant them.

We have photographs of our first viewing after the 3 months. Although it looks very green, the very long grass growing into the trees is a highway for unwanted insects that may damage them. After all the strimming and cutting it does look brown now but it will green up and the trees will appreciate it.

Some of our visitors and some of the group have asked if they can meet for a second day. We are trialling a Thursday morning also 10 till 1.

We as the Orchard group are really grateful for all the help we have been given. Members of the community are visiting again, we have had problems with some of the trees. Despite that the majority of people have been very positive and supportive and have congratulated us on what we are doing. September is the best fruit picking time. We do not encourage trying unripe apples as children may get stomach aches, if thrown in the pond it can contaminated the water.

The biggest thanks from us go to Men in Sheds, Men with strimmers and community friends who came to help. Most of all to the Tuesday team from Ironbridge Meadows group. They usually maintain the Beeches and Lodge field local nature reserve. If you are interested in helping them they can be found on their face book page. If you want to join us at Madeley Orchard come along on any Tuesday morning and meet us.



Our Community...

'Winter Warmers': A New Chapter for Community Connection

Warmth, Friendship, and Support Every Tuesday and Thursday

When the cold winds of November begin to swirl and the days grow shorter, communities everywhere seek new ways to connect, support one another, and encourage a sense of belonging. For the 4th year, Madeley Baptist Church (MBC) is delighted to announce a heart-warming shift in its weekly calendar—starting 4th November, the much-loved 'Friendly Faces' sessions will be transformed into Winter Warmers'.

'Winter Warmers' is more than just a coffee morning; it's a welcoming space for all, open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am 'til 2 pm. As the name suggests, these sessions aim to offer a haven from the chill outside, where anyone in the community can stop by for warmth, sustenance, and conversation.

What's on Offer?

The essence of 'Winter Warmers' is inclusivity and generosity. Everyone is welcome, and there is no requirement to book or bring anything. Here's what you can expect:

- Hot and Cold Drinks: Enjoy steaming mugs of tea, coffee, and hot chocolate, alongside a selection of cold refreshments for those who prefer them.
- Warm Food: Each session will serve hot meals—think toast with various toppings, egg and sausage baps and hearty soups, perfect for staving off the winter chill.
- Cakes and Biscuits: Indulge your sweet tooth or simply enjoy a comforting treat.
- All Free of Charge: There is no cost for any food or drink; everything is provided through the National Lottery Community Fund, and Telford & Wrekin's Warm Spaces initiative, supported by Madeley Town Council.
- Warmth and Friendship: Most importantly, you will find a friendly face, a listening ear, and the opportunity to relax in a supportive environment.

One of the unique aspects of 'Winter Warmers' is the regular attendance of local organisations dedicated to improving lives and providing practical support. Representatives from CAP (Christians Against Poverty), Maninplace, MIND, and Telford & Wrekin Housing Trust, will be present at most sessions to offer signposting to local services, one-to-one conversations and other useful information.

Volunteering

The sessions are staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers, each bringing their own skills and warmth. They greet guests, prepare food and drinks, serve and wash up, ensuring that everyone feels welcome



and included. If you're interested in helping, opportunities are always available, whether you can commit regularly or just lend a hand now and then.

Other Groups

MBC also runs other groups to support the local community, including: **'Friendly Faces @ Woodside'** - every Monday, between 1 o'clock and 3 o'clock, held at the Park Lane Centre. **'Causeway'** for adults with additional learning needs - meeting on the first and third Tuesday in the month, from 6:45 pm 'til 8:15. **'In the Loop'** a friendship group for ladies who like to craft or just have a good natter - meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 10 o'clock 'til noon. **'Frantic Friday'** a youth club for 8 to 16-year-olds - meeting every fourth Friday of the month, 7 o'clock 'til 9 o'clock. **'Food Share Waste Prevention Project'** every Saturday morning from 11 o'clock 'til noon for people to just drop-in. Earlier, booked slots, for those most in need are available by prior arrangement. **Sunday Services with Sunday School**, 10:30 'til 12:00.

Whether you're hoping to save on heating and food costs, find help with a challenge or just get out of the house to meet new friends, this is your invitation to enjoy all that MBC has to offer. Let's make this winter a little brighter—together.





Madeley Baptist Church Christmas Services dates.

madeleybaptist.org.uk

14th December	@ 10:30 am	Morning Worship with Communion
21st December	@ 10:30 am @ 6:30 pm	Nativity Service Carols by Candlelight
25th December	@ 10:00 am	Christmas Day Service



Every Tuesday & Thursday
10 am 'til 2 pm
at Madeley Baptist Church

Winter Warmers

Providing a warm space this Winter

Free!

Refreshments and hot meals

Drop-in Sessions with CAP, Maninplace, Wrekin Housing Trust and MIND






Zero-Waste Community Project @ Madeley Baptist Church

Saturday
10:00 - 11:00: Booked Slots
11:00 - 12:00: Walk-in Session

MADELEY FOOD SHARE

Community Food Bank
Zero-Waste Project

£3 per person

Providing donated fruit, veg, fresh
and frozen foods to individuals/families
which would otherwise go to waste.

All welcome!

More Info:

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Enjoy refreshments,
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**Friendly
Faces**
@ Woodside

£1 per
session

EVERY MONDAY
IN THE FAMILY ROOM,
PARK LANE CENTRE

1pm - 3pm



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JOY

Let's join together this Christmas!

Throughout December 2025 and into the New Year your churches invite you to remember
Christmas together from traditional carol services to Messy Church Christingles. Our normal
Sunday services continue too. We hope to see you there.

Date	Time	Church	Service
Sat 13 Dec	3.30pm	Sutton Hill Church	Messy Christingle
Sun 14 Dec	10.30am	St Michael's Madeley	Café Church Christingle (with puppets)
Wed 17 Dec	3.15pm	Woodside Church - Park Lane Centre	Messy Christingle
Sun 21 Dec	10.30am	Sutton Hill Church	Café Church Nativity
	11.00am	St Luke's Ironbridge	Carol Service
	2.00pm	Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale	Carol Service
	4.00pm	St. Lawrence's Little Wenlock	Carol Service
	6.30pm	St Michael's Madeley	Carol Service (with puppets)
Tues 23 Dec	2.30pm	Woodside Church - Park Lane Centre	Messy Nativity Dress Up
	3.45pm		Messy Carol Service with Nativity
Wed 24 Dec	3.00pm	St Michael's, Madeley	Crib Service (with puppets)
	5.00pm	St Luke's Ironbridge	Crib Service
	6.00pm	Sutton Hill Church	Carols by Candlelight
	11.00pm	Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale	Midnight Communion
	11.30pm	St Michael's Madeley	Midnight Communion
Thurs 25 Dec	9.30am	St Lawrence's, Little Wenlock	Christmas Day Communion
	10.00am	St Michael's, Madeley	Christmas Day Family Communion
	10.30am	Sutton Hill Church	Christmas Day Family Communion
	11.00am	St Luke's Ironbridge	Christmas Day Communion
	11.00am	Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale	Christmas Day Celebration
Sun 28 Dec	10.30 am	St Michael's Madeley	Morning Worship Sutton Hill, Madeley & Woodside Together
	11.00am	St Luke's Ironbridge	Prayer & Praise



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The Severn Link Group of Churches:
Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge, Little Wenlock, Madeley,
Sutton Hill & Woodside



Our Community...



An Alzheimer's Society initiative

MEMORY CAFÉ

At Parkwood Extra Care, Park Lane,
Woodside, Telford TF7 5GA

On the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
between 10am and 12 noon

Meet other people in the community with
memory problems and their carers

Call in for a
friendly welcome
and a chat



Contact: Anne De Vere
Email: Annedevere@hotmail.com



Madeley Cricket Club
Annual Firework Display
FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
Come Along and Enjoy the Display

Gates Open 5:30 PM
Display Starts 7:15pm prompt

TICKET ONLY EVENT – TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE FROM MADELEY CRICKET CLUB
Keep an eye on Madeley Cricket Club FACEBOOK PAGE FROM EARLY SEPTEMBER for Dates and Times of Ticket Sales

Ticket Prices Adult (16+) £5, Child (2-15) £3, Child Under 2 FREE
Maximum Capacity – 2500 Tickets **PLEASE WALK TO SITE - NO CAR PARKING ON SITE**

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Delivering the Armed Forces Covenant

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise that acknowledges those who Serve or have Served in the Armed Forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy, and society they Serve with their lives. At Telford & Wrekin Council, we have pledged our support to our Armed Forces community through signing the Covenant and we continue to work with partners and local organisations (including our Town & Parish Councils) to support current and former Service personnel and their families across Telford & Wrekin.

To find out more about the support that is available and for further information about our many Armed Forces Outreach Events & Activities – including Cafes, Art Classes, Models for Heroes Groups, Craft & Sewing Classes and regular Drop-In Sessions, please email Telford & Wrekin Council at armedforcescovenant@telford.gov.uk or phone: 01952 384772.

Local organisations and businesses can also support our Armed Forces community by signing the Armed Forces Covenant and getting in touch with us.



IRONBRIDGE & SEVERN GORGE LIONS

Prostate Testing

Prostate testing involves a simple blood test, delivered by qualified Phlebotomists, and analysed by a specialist laboratory with results delivered directly to the person tested, generally within 24 to 48 hours. Ironbridge Lions ran their first test session at the Anstice in Madeley in 2017. On that occasion we tested a total of 420 men, all of whom had queued for up to two hours just to get into the building.



Since that first session our testing programme has delivered around 4500 tests and the need to queue has long since disappeared. This year, in three sessions, we delivered 680 tests with an average turn-round time of under 15 minutes. The majority of these tests produce a green result but there are always a small percentage of amber and red results. Not all will lead to the need for treatment of course but some will, and we know that our programme has saved many lives over the past 9 years.

We expect to repeat our regular test programme again in the new year and we are always happy to discuss adding further sessions during the course of the year. If you would like to have a reminder email when bookings open for our next session or if you would like to discuss holding an additional test event for a particular group or community, please email Colin Thompson (cthompson@bcs.org.uk).

Teddy Tombola

Every penny raised by the club is spent in the community and one of our most popular fundraising activities is our Teddy Tombola. Despite the name, this is not confined to Teddy Bears; children pay £1 for a tombola ticket with a soft toy prize guaranteed every time.

We are always looking for donations of pre-loved soft toys to keep the stall running so if your children have now grown up and you have a stock of toys in the loft which you would like to donate to a good cause, just let us know and we will collect. Call Graham on 07887 638207.



Food Programme

Our picture shows Lion David Liddle making a recent delivery of food items to Sarah of Telford Community Food Store at the Lighthouse Church. Food has always been an important part of our annual programme but until relatively recently the focus was mainly on the need for support in winter and particularly around Christmas.

Those days are gone, and food poverty is now very much a year-round issue requiring the allocation of support funds on a regular monthly basis. We rely very heavily on support from the community to do this and we are always happy to receive donations from individuals or groups within our community in the form of either cash or non-perishable food items. As with all donations, every penny donated is used to support those in need.

For further information please contact David (liddled4@gmail.com)

And finally.....

Ironbridge Lions have been supporting the local community of South Telford since 1979. We meet monthly at the Coalbrookdale Community Centre and non-members are welcome to attend by prior appointment. If you like what we do and think you might be interested in joining as a member or perhaps supporting as a Friend of the club, just contact our Secretary Andrew Pilsbury (mullburyap@gmail.com or 07771 753855)



LITTLE FISHES TODDLER GROUP

LITTLE FISHES IS A PLAY GROUP FOR CHILDREN UP TO SCHOOL AGE. WE OFFER A SAFE SPACE FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY AND LEARN VALUES IN A FRIENDLY SPACE AND ADULTS TO RECEIVE SUPPORT AND CREATE FRIENDSHIPS

WHEN: MONDAYS 9.30-11AM
WHERE: SUTTON HILL CHURCH COFFEE BAR



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AUTUMN

We hope you have enjoyed Muddy Church Summer Water Escapades. To help you plan for more fun, fellowship and worship together, here are the dates for the autumn term:

Muddy Church in Madeley Orchard
Messy Church Woodside at the Park Lane Centre
Messy Church Sutton Hill at Sutton Hill Church

Muddy Church

Messy Church

Sunday 7th September
3.30-5pm MUDDY HARVEST

Wednesday 17th September
3.30-5pm MESSY CHURCH - Park Lane Centre

Wednesday 15th October
3.30-5pm MESSY CHURCH - Park Lane Centre

Tuesday 28th October
2.30-4.30pm MUDDY LIGHTS

Sunday 9th November
2-3pm MUDDY REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday 26th November
3.30-5pm MESSY CHURCH - Park Lane Centre

Saturday 13th December
2-3.30pm MESSY DECORATE Sutton Hill Church
3.30-4.30pm MESSY CHRISTINGLE - Sutton Hill

Wednesday 17th December
3.30-5pm MESSY CHRISTINGLE - Park Lane Centre

Tuesday 23rd December
2-5.30pm MESSY NATIVITY- Park Lane Centre

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Hereford

Exciting changes at St. Michaels



I love being in the local supermarket, deciding what treats I would like this week. I particularly like the 'cookie' selection in one of our shops, choosing which one I want can be quite a challenge. Chocolate orange is usually my 'go to' indulgence. We expect to have choices when we shop, although sometimes it is quite overwhelming when faced with so many options.

At St. Michael's church we try and recognise that it is essential to meet a range of worshipping needs and preferences each week. We offer a range of choices that hopefully meet a range of needs. We are also trying to recognise that for some people Sunday morning is not an ideal time. So, I want to draw your attention to three recent changes.

Café Church: We meet every Sunday at 10.30am, and on the third Sunday of each month we have a café church. It is informal, contemporary and more accessible to younger people and those with a learning disability. We also have our newly formed puppet group and they are involved every café church. What a joy and a difference they bring to our worship. Vibrant, fun, exciting and helping us understand a little more about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Do come and have a look at what we do, you would be warmly welcomed?

Praise and Play (preschool)

Are you a parent, grandparent, carer or childminder – then this is for you? We are working with John Fletcher school to host 'Praise and Play' every Friday in term time IN SCHOOL. It will be 9.00am – 10.30am. We start on Friday 26th September 2025 and is FREE. It will be run by a team from the church, and will start with a short preschool act of worship, including singing, dancing, playing instruments, playing with a parachute, hearing a story and much more. Then there will be the opportunity to do a craft activity, play with toys, use play doh creatively and share refreshments (including chocolate biscuits). It will also be a great way of meeting other parents.

Midweek Holy Communion

This is a simple more reflective Holy Communion service that lasts 50 minutes and is followed by a free soup lunch.

Please do join us at any of these or any other Sunday – we would love to see you.



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What a great few months we have had up at **SUTTON HILL** church. **CRAFTING FOR CHARITY** which happens on **MONDAY at 11am** has knitted and crocheted blanket squares for our carer leavers blankets, hat and scarves to start our winter warm packs and matching heart sets for the Princess Royal Hospital. For those that don't knit, or crochet then please do still join us. We are starting to upcycle wool by undoing jumpers so we can use the wool, and pompoms are also in great demand. This is a great fellowship group to join, share skills, chat at the same time as making things that will bring a smile, comfort or a woolly hug to someone who needs one.

We are excited to be starting the **LITTLE FISHES** Toddler Group on Monday 8th September 9.30am. Fun times for toddlers and grown-ups with activities and support in those early years. See our Facebook page for more information.

MUDDY CHURCH met through the summer at the Orchard and Bluebell, lots of fun, friends, food and water as we thought about water adventures in the bible. Join us this autumn in **Madeley Orchard** for **MUDDY HARVEST** on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 3.30pm to pick some fruit, fun activities and to pause and thank God for the wonderful creation that provides such a beautiful space and apples! We will also meet for **MUDDY LIGHTS** on Tuesday 28th October at 2.30pm in half term. **MUDDY REMEMBRANCE** on Sunday 9th November 2025 at 2pm. There is an interactive trail to think about the meaning behind the poppies we wear and a short act of remembrance. This is an ideal space to come together on Remembrance Sunday for families or individuals who find the larger gatherings difficult but would like to have the opportunity to remember.

We continue to meet as **WOODSIDE CHURCH** in the Park Lane Centre and you can always find us at **SPACE TO BE** on a Wednesday morning, which is a great space to chat and support each other. Toys for the children and a lovely group for all ages. Join us then for **CELTIC WORSHIP** together at 11.15am. **MESSY CHURCH** is also on a Wednesday monthly, check out our poster for the dates.

Of course CHRISTMAS is coming so check out the services where we all join together and celebrate the JOY of CHRISTMAS. From traditional carol services to Messy Nativity to Christingles.

Want to know a bit more? Thinking about the Christian faith? or what Church is all about? then check out our new website <https://suttonhillwoodsidechurches.org.uk/or> Facebook pages for the latest information about services, christenings, weddings, bible studies, groups and all the community activities.

I hope to see you soon, blessings Rev Dawn

Rev Dawn Taffinder, Vicar Sutton Hill & Woodside Churches



Rotary Club of Ironbridge

ROTARY CLUB OF IRONBRIDGE - Autumn 2025

Ironbridge Rotary Club has been busy during this summer. We have been maintaining our regular donations, both in cash and kind, to Telford in Crisis. At the same time we have continued our charity store collections, enabling us to help many local causes. In spite of the current financial difficulties we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of supermarket customers in helping the less fortunate among us.

We are now looking forward to the next few months. Our Annual Charity Fun Dog Show is to be held again at Dale End PARK on Saturday 13th. This is always a fun day and the sight of so many dogs and their owners and families enjoying a picnic by the river is a pleasure. Watch out for the posters. registration starts at 12.00 and the show begins at 1.00.

A little further away, but none the less important for our fundraising, is the Telford Tree of Light. Plans are already way ahead for the switch on in November.

Our Community...

Summer Holidays Fund

Hundreds of local families were able to enjoy some fun in the sun over the summer break thanks to Madeley Town Council and Housing Plus Group.

A series of community picnics were put on in Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside, complete with free bouncy castles and an ice cream van.

The events were supported by a £1,000 grant from HPG's Summer Holidays Fund.

Charlotte Dade, the town council's Community and Events Officer, said: "Over the summer we wanted to put on some community events for local families in our main residential areas.

"This funding has really helped – it's meant more children have been able to enjoy the free ice creams and we've been able to get two bouncy castles.

"It's made a big dent in the funding we needed to put these events on for the benefit of the whole community."



This year, 22 local organisations received grants of up to £1,000 each from the Summer Holidays Fund, supporting a wide range of activities designed to bring communities together and provide children with memorable holiday experiences.

Sam Hine, Social Value and Inclusion Manager at Housing Plus Group, said: "We are proud to have supported so many local organisations who work tirelessly to make a difference in their communities.

"The Summer Holidays Fund is about more than activities – it's about inclusion, wellbeing and helping families to enjoy the holidays without financial worry.

"Seeing the smiles on children's faces and hearing the positive feedback from parents confirms the real value of this initiative."

Age UK

The 2 great stories I would like to give a HUGE shout out for are 2 of our AUK groups who have come together to support the AGE UK 75TH anniversary.

The 1st is an amazing group of ladies who all came together to create 20 post-box toppers to mark this great milestone. Please see attached some pictures of some of the ladies who supported the post toppers in some way.

The AUK Knit & Natter & Crafting Groups came together with a plan for this great idea and got this project off the ground.

We put a call out for some extra support as this was such a huge task to pull together. Our prayers were answered with support from many of the Line Dancers in the AUK groups especially Sue, Ann & Lyn.

Huge thanks too to the Newport Knit and Natter group, they helped us create 2 toppers to display in Newport and came to our rescue when we needed more hands to help.

I think they all deserve a special Thank you, they are so proud of what they have achieved and rightly so.

They are so happy to support AGE UK to celebrate this huge 75th milestone....

What amazing members and supporters we have.



The second story we have is our amazing Acorn choir who meet weekly in Hadley came together to record a song to celebrate the 75th Anniversary.

One of our long-standing members Mr Roy Driver came up with this idea and contacted the songs writer to ask for permission. They then changed some of the words to reflect Shropshire and called the song "Shropshire my Home" They are so proud of their achievement and the song sounds so amazing, again our members all came together to support AGE UK STW.

We have also produced a new song book for both our AGE UK choirs; it is 75 songs to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. This covers songs through all the decades for all to enjoy. We have performed at a few events over the last few months, showcasing the songs. We have more events planned for us to sing at in the coming months

'If you want to take part and help us fundraise, please call us on 01743 233 123 or email fundraising@ageukstw.org.uk'

Please look at the AGE UK STW website and for more information call and speak to a member of the wellbeing team, who will be happy to support.



Madeley Nursery School develops a New Organic Fruit and Vegetable Garden



Madeley Nursery School have recently developed a new organic gardening space to support 2 and 3 year olds to plant and grow their own fruit and vegetables. The new organic garden consists of two retained planters, which allow the children to access gardening spaces all year round.

This project greatly enriches the opportunities for the youngest children attending the school to develop their knowledge and experiences around organic gardening. It also greatly supports the ecological work of the school, which aims to support children to develop deep relationships with their local environment and encourage environmental protection.

Madeley Nursery School would like to take this opportunity to thank volunteers from A.F. Blakemore and Son Ltd as well as funding from Telford & Wrekin Council and idverde's Community Investment Fund. Without all your hard work and generosity, this project would not have been possible.

"Madeley Nursery School is deeply committed to environmental sustainability and protection. A key part of this work involves creating authentic opportunities for children to develop lasting relationships with their local ecology. This new organic garden will provide year-round opportunities for our youngest children to learn about and enjoy gardening. It is a hugely significant development for the school and we are grateful to all the volunteers from A.F. Blakemore and Son Ltd who have worked so hard to make it happen, and also to the council and idverde for the funding.



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Madeley Nursery School is a maintained Nursery School providing outstanding education for children aged 2-5 years old. The school is committed to environmental sustainability and protection and supports its children and families to develop lifelong pro-environmental attitudes and behaviours that will help champion environmental protection throughout their lives.

A key aspect of this goal is to provide all children and families at the school with opportunities to work directly with their local environment and ecology. Children are supported daily to interact with and explore the school gardens and children actively research the creatures and natural artifacts that they find. In order to enrich these opportunities for our youngest children, the school has developed a 3 tier organic fruit and vegetable garden, which can be accessed and interacted with all year round by the children in our 2 year old class. This development has greatly increased the spaces for planting and growing seeds and seedlings in that classroom's garden and will be a great asset for many years to come.

About Telford & Wrekin Council and idverde's Community Investment Fund

Funds for this project have been provided thanks to idverde's Community Investment Fund which is an Added Value part of the company's grounds and cleansing contract with Telford & Wrekin Council.



Our Community...

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Sep - Dec 2025

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Parenting Together QR code 



PLAYING TOGETHER

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Every Friday afternoon 13:00 - 14:30.

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Friday 12th September 10:00-12:00
Tuesday 21st October 12:30-14:30
Tuesday 18th November 18:30-20:30

Sign up via website or QR code above.

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Come along and speak with one of the Family Hubs Practitioners for any advice, guidance, signposting and information on groups and support for you and your family.

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Hub on the Hill and Silver Birch Family Room, Sutton Hill.




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Brownies
For ages 7 to 10

Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



Guides
For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



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For ages 14 to 18

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Anti-knife crime t-shirts help promote unity and belonging

The young people are proudly sporting t-shirts designed in response to rising knife crime in the region – with thanks to Madeley Town Council, Arleston Community Centre and My Workwear who jointly funded the first stage of the project to ensure every attendee at our Hub on the Hill Youth Club and Arleston Youth Club received a top free of charge.

The initiative is just one part of our Explore, Grow and Belong mission, aiming to empower young people, inspire a sense of belonging and provide positive activities and safe spaces. Currently, we support more than 15 youth programmes each week across Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire, alongside extensive holiday activities and school partnerships.

The idea for the t-shirts came from reports of rising knife crime – including recent statistics from West Mercia Police (the force which covers the region) which showed a rate of 42 incidents per 100,000 people, a rise of 18% compared to the previous year.

Councillor Angela McClements, who worked alongside Councillor Lee Carter to help launch the Youth Club at Arleston Community Centre at the end of 2024, said the centre's Trustees were 'delighted' to provide sponsorship.

"I know that the children have been so proud and excited to wear their tops. The Trustees recognise that sponsoring Youth Club tops is a great way to foster a sense of community and belonging among the children."

"It not only enhances their experience at the club, but also promotes pride in being part of it. This initiative can significantly impact the children by encouraging teamwork, confidence and a real sense of belonging."

Councillor Helena Morgan, Mayor of Madeley Town Council, said the council was proud to have given a grant to support the Youth Club and the work undertaken by 4 All Foundation with the young people of Sutton Hill. She added: "Over the last six months, the youth provision in Sutton Hill has successfully grown and Madeley Town Council, supported by 4 All Foundation, is now funding three age-specific youth groups each week offering activities, sports and a safe place for young people to visit."

Telford-based clothing supplier My Workwear not only sponsored the tops but also printed and designed them too. Co-owner James Worthington added: "We're really proud to support 4 All Foundation with their children's t-shirts, for such an important programme. Working with local charities like the team at 4 All is really important to us here at MyWorkwear and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the team."

We'd love to be able to offer t-shirts across all of our Youth Clubs in Shropshire going forward. If any organisations would like to support with sponsorship, please do get in touch by email on info@4all.foundation.



Major from Madeley appointed 4 All's Patron

From Madeley to Garrison Sergeant Major – that's the journey of the man newly announced as 4 All Foundation's new Patron.

Andrew 'Vern' Stokes OBE MVO DL is set to act as an ambassador for our charity, which supports the very communities he grew up in, and says he is 'delighted' about the appointment.

Having grown up in Madeley and attended the former BRJ School in Wellington, now known as Holy Trinity Academy, Vern enlisted in the British Army aged 16 and travelled the world, undertaking operational tours in Northern Ireland, Iraq, Afghanistan and Bosnia among others.

Vern trained countless soldiers at Sandhurst, taking on the role of Academy Sergeant Major (at the time the most senior post a soldier could attain) and being awarded a Meritorious Service Medal, True Englishman of the Year by the St George's Day Society, and an OBE in the King's first Birthday Honours list. Additionally, he has been appointed Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO) and Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Shropshire (DL).

Over the past decade, he has held the role of Garrison Sergeant Major, planning and delivering State Ceremonial events as prestigious as Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance (for which he won a BAFTA), King Charles III's Coronation, and the VE Day 80 military ceremonial events.

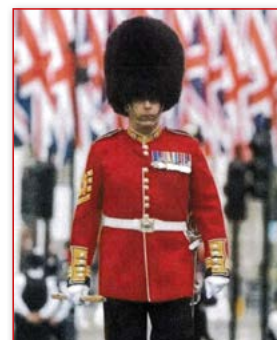
He says: "As a youngster growing up in Telford, I relied upon organisations offering similar opportunities to those that the 4 All Foundation now deliver. They shaped me, kept me occupied, gave me purpose and experiences that I still reminisce about, ultimately giving me the confidence to begin my career, and that is why I am delighted to be appointed as their Patron. The charity is helping people to find their feet, supporting their needs and building communities across Shropshire."

Our Director of Operations, George Hounsell, added: "There are a huge number of successful people who have connections to Shropshire, but when you consider the impact Vern Stokes has had in defending our country, organising some of the most important ceremonies of the past decade, and teaching the next generation of Army recruits, it's hard to think of someone more inspirational to appoint as our Patron."

"We are extremely lucky to have Vern on board with the charity, especially given how incredibly busy he is – but his life-long commitment to giving back to the community where he was raised is as admirable as his list of honours and awards!"

"We hope many of the individuals within the communities of Shropshire who 4 All supports are able to look to our new patron as a shining example of someone who has a very similar background to them and has gone on to be one of life's real contributors."

"The Foundation was set up to support communities in need within the county, and you only have to look at Vern's OBE citation to realise how closely his ethos matches with ours. It says: confidante, counsellor and mentor to the most successful, but also the struggling and vulnerable, is one of his notable and praiseworthy traits."





Our Community...

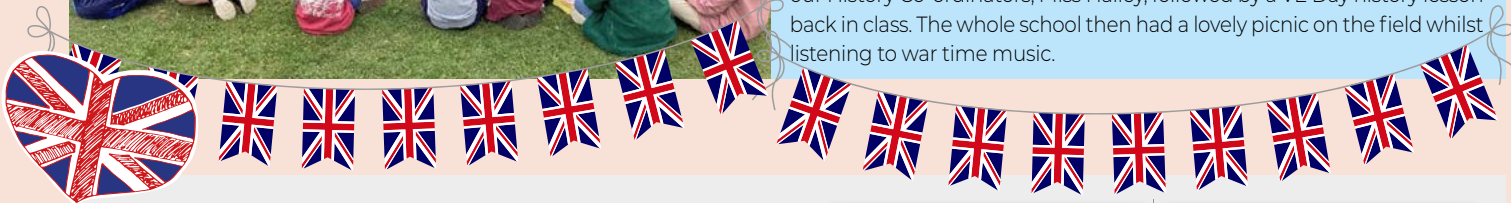


VE Day at Woodlands Primary School and Nursery

Woodlands celebrated the anniversary of the 80th VE Day in true Woodies' style! Children and staff all made a huge effort to dress up and show respect to the World War Two veterans. School was an ocean of red, white and blue, and, amongst that, some children and staff dressed as if they were in the 1940s.



During the day, the children attended a VE Day assembly, led by one of our History Co-ordinators, Miss Hailey, followed by a VE Day history lesson back in class. The whole school then had a lovely picnic on the field whilst listening to war time music.



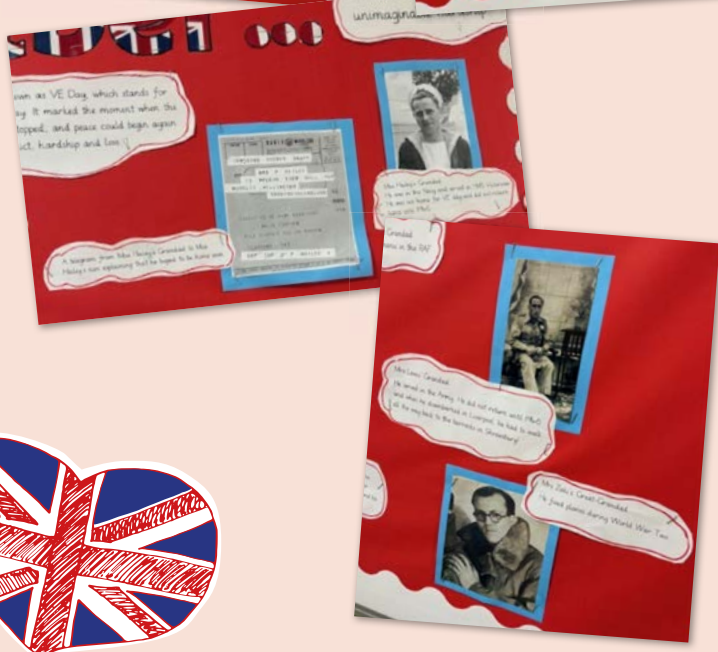
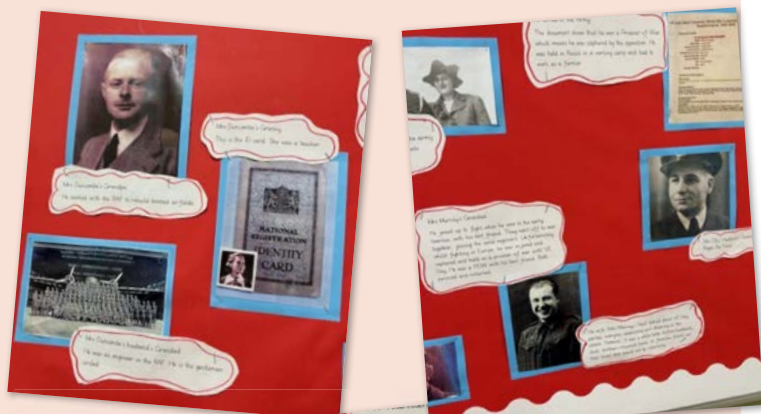
Mrs Zaki taught the children 'Hey Mr Miller!', a song, celebrating VE Day, taught to Woodlands' Choir members at Telford Sings earlier in the year. Key Stage One and Two sang it, brilliantly, on the playground to begin the afternoon's celebrations (1940's outdoor games).

Check out our Instagram, [woodlandsprimarytelford](https://www.instagram.com/woodlandsprimarytelford/), for a recording of our song!





Miss Hailey has also put together a display sharing stories of staff's family members' experiences eighty years ago.



New mobility scooters at Blists Hill Victorian Town

In March, the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust launched an appeal to raise money to buy all-terrain mobility scooters for use by visitors at Blists Hill Victorian Town.

By the summer holidays the Trust, a heritage conservation and education charity, had secured funding for not one but two mobility scooters, which visitors have been able to make use of throughout the busy summer holiday period.

The 52-acre museum, a recreation of a working-class town on the East Shropshire Coalfields in 1900, is spread across different levels with a steep incline between the upper part of the town, home to bustling Victorian shops and trade workshops, and the lower part of the town, home to an ironworks, mine, Victorian homes and more.

Funding from trusts and a private donor has made it possible to raise the money needed to buy two scooters.

The scooters, named Victoria and Henry, are available on a first come first serve basis. We expect to introduce two more scooters soon.



The Trust is still seeking funders for more scooters.

Businesses can email
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Independent Living Centre

A good-news story from the the Independent Living Centre is our on-going and weekly attendance at the Let's Talk Live Well hub on a Wednesday morning at Madeley Community Library in The Anstice.

We have met people there throughout the year whom we have supported with positive outcomes. This has included:

- Showcasing of equipment/aids/gadgets to promote safety and independence at home
- Provision of information and advice and guidance on Adult Social Care
- Provided information on how to refer into services
- Supporting with appointments for formal assessments
- Support to Carers to ensure they are supported within their role

If you would like to access this service:

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Independent Living Centre, Unit 3A
Hazeldine House, Central Square, Town Centre
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Madeley High Street & Local Businesses

Pride in our High Street



The new programme of support will provide the following for Madeley:

■ **Start Up Grant** – ranging from £2500 - £10000. Support businesses to start up within the prime retail area or support a business to relocate from another area to one of our borough towns. Specific eligibility criteria. All enquiries to be sent to prideinourhighstreet@telford.gov.uk

■ **The Trial Start-Up grant** – Up to £1500 to purchase a market styled gazebo, stock and all costs associated with opening a market stall. Must trade on both market days and evidence a TF postcode as applicants residential address.

■ **Façade Grant for Borough Town Shop Units** – From £500 to £3k (upper limit for Listed Building or Building within the conservation area) to update the shop façade and signage. Specific eligibility criteria. All enquiries to be sent to prideinourhighstreet@telford.gov.uk.

■ **Eco Grant** – £500 maximum to allow businesses to purchase energy saving products and make permanent changes to their business to become more sustainable.

■ **Digital Grant** – £500 maximum to allow businesses to improve their digital presence.

■ **High Street Leisure Challenge** – will be offered in all borough towns.

■ **Facebook High Street Page** – has launched TW High Streets Love Local. Advertise your business for free and showcase any special events in Madeley.



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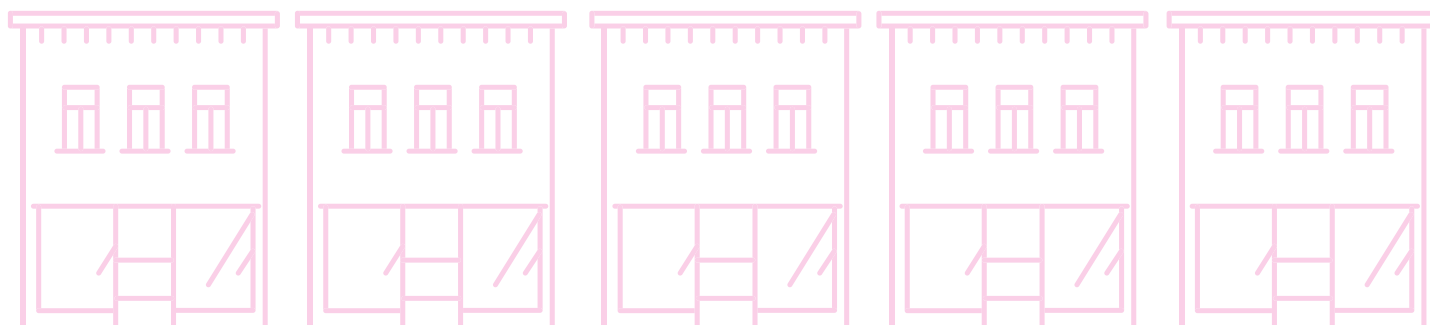
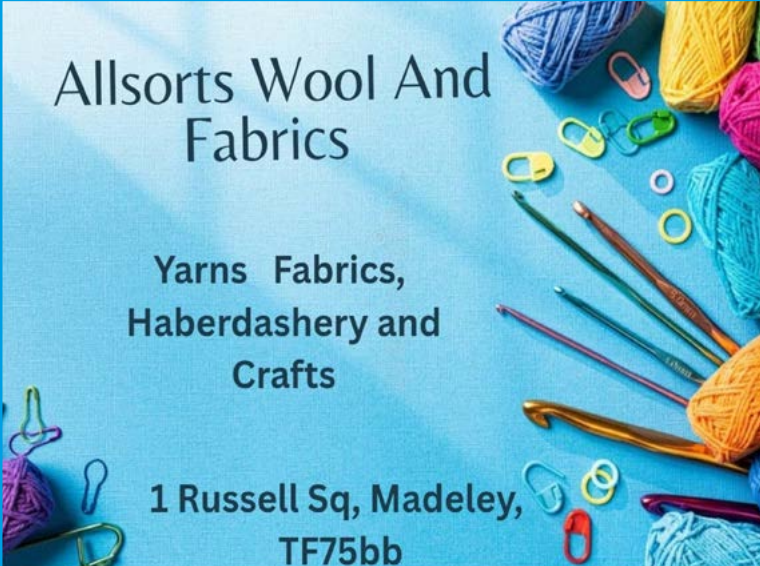
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**Discover Sweet Little Things
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Tucked away in the heart of Madeley, Sweet Little Things Bakery & Tearoom is a true local treasure. Run by the talented Leanne, this cosy little bakery is full of heart, flavour, and the comforting scent of freshly baked bread and cakes.

Leanne's passion for baking shines through in everything she makes, from her old-school sponge and gooey brownies to all day breakfasts and soup of the day. Every bite is fresh, homemade, and delicious. Whether you're popping in for breakfast, grabbing lunch with a friend, or simply treating yourself to something sweet with a cuppa, you'll always be welcomed with a smile.

As well as the daily selection of fresh bakes, Sweet Little Things also takes celebration orders. From show-stopping birthday cakes to full buffet spreads for parties, Leanne's made-to-order bakes are known for their quality, taste, and beautiful presentation.

Looking for a space to host a baby shower, birthday, or get-together? The tearoom is available to hire offering a warm, relaxed setting for special occasions, with plenty of tea, coffee, and homemade treats to go around.

If you haven't visited yet, now's the time. Fresh bakes, friendly faces, and fantastic food. Sweet Little Things really does live up to its name.



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