

NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

PRODUCED BY DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH GROUNDS & CLEANSING OPERATIVE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

The Parish Council is pleased to extend our agreement for a dedicated Parish Grounds & Cleansing Operative for a further twelve months after a highly successful first year. Residents, local groups and councillors have praised the noticeable improvements across the parish, from cleaner footpaths to better maintained green spaces.

Working alongside the T&W Grounds and Cleansing Team, our Idverde operative and van continue to support key areas including footpaths and signs, shrub beds, mowing and general grounds maintenance, local nature reserves, and the Little Dawley War Memorial. This focused approach ensures that well used and valued areas receive consistent care throughout the year.

The Council looks forward to building on this progress. Suggestions for areas needing attention are welcome at clerk@dawleyhamlets-pc.gov.uk.



DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

SENIOR RESIDENTS SUMMER PARTY

DOORS OPEN 12PM FOR 12:30PM START - FRIDAY 5th JUNE 2026

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Summer Party for senior residents of the Parish. If you would like to be invited to attend, please return the slip below or e-mail your name and address to the Clerk. We will post you a ticket two weeks prior to the event.

Admittance will be by ticket only; places are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis so applicants are advised to respond as soon as possible. You must be 65 or over and living in the Parish of Dawley Hamlets to be invited to this Parish Council free event.

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Telephone:

Please send this form to: K Ewence, Parish Clerk, 7 Earls Way, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6FA
or alternatively e-mail: clerk@dawleyhamlets-pc.gov.uk.

THE FRIENDS OF DAWLEY HAMLETS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Spring is here, bringing longer days and warmer weather that trigger a burst of life across the reserve. Birds are the most visible sign of the season—buzzards and tawny owls, at the top of the food chain, indicate a healthy ecosystem beneath them.

To help identify what you see, apps like Merlin are excellent for recognising bird song, while iRecord allows you to contribute sightings to a national database.



This landscape was once degraded by mining and industrial pollution. Our goal is to boost biodiversity, which requires sensitive management — not just leaving nature to recover on its own. Telford and Wrekin Council maintain paths well, and volunteers also give their time. We are grateful to those who pick up litter and to responsible dog owners who clean up after their pets.

Recently, a volunteer group led by Rick Shaw and supported by Parish Council funding cleared some poor quality shading trees in the Top Yard Pit area to create a sunlit glade, boosting biodiversity just before nesting season. We hope to keep the group active—follow our Facebook page for updates.

The reserve is for everyone, and we are privileged to have it on our doorstep.

By Dave Jackson, Ecology Officer for Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve

THE TELFORD STEAM RAILWAY

After a short break over Christmas following a very busy and popular Polar Express season, our volunteers have been hard at work preparing for the 2026 season. The recent poor weather hasn't been kind to us, with several trees and branches coming down along the line, but thanks to our volunteers everything has now been cleared, chipped and bagged for future use.

We have a fantastic programme of family friendly events planned for 2026. Highlights include a narrow gauge gala featuring a visiting steam locomotive, a brand new Murder Mystery event, and the return of many much loved favourites. We look forward to welcoming both old and new friends to the railway throughout the year.

**By Richard Owen,
Commercial Director
of the Telford Steam Railway**



2026 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		NEW FOR 2026!
FAMILY EVENTS Sun 5th & Mon 6th April Easter Egg Hunt Mon 4th May Exotic Zoo Sun 24th & Mon 25th May Teddy Bears Picnic Sun 14th June Creation Station Crafty Coach Sun 21st June Father's Day Flyer Sun 3rd July Exotic Zoo Sun 19th July Pirates and Princesses Day Sun 23rd August Creation Station Crafty Coach	FOR ENTHUSIASTS Sun 17th May Ford Model T Day Sun 14th June Hector Brake Van Rides Sun 12th July Classic Transport Day Sun 26th July Model Railway Exhibition Sat 8th & Sun 9th August 1940s weekend Sun 16th August Rover Day Sun 23rd August Hector Brake Van Rides Sun 27th September Anything Goes Diesel Gala	Sun 28th June Duck Treasure Hunt Sat 12th September Murder Mystery Night
DINING SPECIALS Sun 19th April Cream Tea Special Sat 25th April Fish & Chip Special Mon 25th May Cream Tea Special Sun 12th July Cream Tea Special Sat 1st August Fish & Chip Special Sun 30th August Cream Tea Special Sat 12th September Fish & Chip Special Sun 20th September Cream Tea Special		

telfordsteamrailway.co.uk

FRIENDS OF HORSEHAY POOL & ENVIRONS

We've had a very busy season at Horsehay and Simpsons Pools. The wet winter has raised the water level again at Horsehay Pool, and the channel dredged late last summer has been flowing freely around the island. We've also finally been able to plant up the area opposite the Codfather, and it's encouraging to see new growth taking hold. The swans have helped themselves to some of the marginal plants, but we can replant as needed. The gabions, now covered in ivy, periwinkle and early crocuses, are already looking established.

The autumn storms brought down a beautiful hawthorn tree, which we have now replaced, alongside the small wildflower meadow seeded last year. A new area of reeds kindly donated by TWC has been planted at Horsehay Pool to help keep the water clean and provide shade and food for wildlife.

We've also planted thousands of bulbs: 3,000 snowdrops at the north end of Horsehay Pool, sponsored by Fujitsu/Telford Green Space Partnership, and 3,600 English bluebells around Simpsons Pool, funded through a grant from Veolia. A huge thank you to all our Friends, family members and residents who came out to help with the planting.

Further support from Cllr Raj Mehta, DHPC and our own funds has enabled us to install new wildlife habitats: 2 tawny owl boxes, 2 bat boxes, 4 songbird boxes and 3 wicker duck houses. These are now in place around both pools, ready for spring occupancy. Everyone is welcome to join the Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs. Membership details can be found on the FOPHE webpage: membermojo.co.uk/fohpe

***By Angela Porteous,
Friends of Horsehay Pool & Environs***



DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL – GRANT AWARDS 2025/26

The Parish Council continues to support voluntary and community groups that benefit residents and strengthen community life across Dawley Hamlets. Grants of up to £300 are available each year to help local organisations deliver projects, events and services that make a positive difference.

Grants awarded over the last twelve months include:

- Dawley Community Allotments – picnic bench and compost bin
- Telford Steam Railway – windows and roof repairs for the signal box
- Britannia Historical Society – Remembrance Day book

Applications are considered at the April and October meetings.

Forms and the grant policy are available at: www.dawleyhamlets-pc.gov.uk/grant-awards

Please submit applications at least one week before the meeting to: clerk@dawleyhamlets-pc.gov.uk

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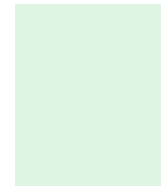


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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm (excluding August and December).

Meetings are held alternately at these venues:

- Aqueduct Primary School, Castlefields Way, Aqueduct Telford TF4 3RP
- Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay, Telford TF4 2NF

Please check our website for the latest information and meeting agenda before attending. All residents of the Parish are invited to attend and each meeting has a 15-minute public session at the beginning where the Council is able to receive comments and reports from its residents.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is hosting the **Annual Parish Meeting** at Horsehay Village Hall at **7pm on Wednesday 15th April** and we would like very much for you to join us. At this meeting the Parish Council and our local community groups will provide an update of what they have achieved over the last twelve months and the plans they have for the future.

To find out more about this meeting please go to our website:

www.dawleyhamlets-pc.gov.uk

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