



Ketley Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Winter Edition 2023 / 2024

Hello Ketley residents, and welcome to the Winter 2023/2024 edition of the Ketley Parish Council Newsletter.

The season of chilly evenings when we curl up under covers and enjoy a steaming mug of hot chocolate has arrived, which can only mean one thing, the Christmas period is upon us!



Christmas Services - St Mary's Church

Carols Service
Sunday 17 December at 04:00 PM

Christmas Eve Family Worship
Sunday 24 December 2023 at 11:00 AM

Candlelit Midnight Service
Sunday 24 December at 11:30 PM

The Parish Council are extremely excited to welcome all our lovely residents to the upcoming events held in our Community Centre. Returning by popular demand, our annual Over 65's Christmas Party and our increasingly popular Children's Christmas Party.

The Council are available for you, the residents of Ketley, to contact should you wish to. Further details of who, when, where, and how to make contact are available within this newsletter.

Thank you for being an integral part of our parish community. Your involvement and support make our parish a vibrant and thriving place to call home. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working together to make our community even better.

From all of us here at the Council, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



As we approach the end of 2023, we can't help but reflect on what an incredible year it has been for our Parish.

Throughout the year, Ketley Parish Council has been tirelessly working to make our community an even better place to live. It's been a year filled with positive change and camaraderie.

But we're not stopping here! As we step into 2024, we're excited to bring you even more. Our commitment to making Ketley Parish a wonderful place to call home remains steadfast. We'll continue to listen to your feedback, prioritize your needs, and work together to create an even brighter future.

So, be prepared for a 2024 filled with the unwavering support of your Parish Council.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Parish's success in 2023, and we look forward to achieving even more together in 2024.

A message from your Chair, Cllr. Eileen Callear:

Dear resident,

Welcome to Ketley Parish Council's latest newsletter. I can't believe that we are now looking towards the Christmas period, with Christmas dinners, and of course our wonderful Christmas lights.

This year has absolutely flown by! It was great to be at the opening of the new Sainsbury's Local in Ketley at the site of the White Lion, which has proved to be a really popular addition.

There are a number of exciting projects that we are looking to bring forward in Ketley over the coming months. If you have an idea for something that you think would help to improve the area, please do get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Cllr Eileen Callear
Chair of Ketley Parish Council



Cllr. Eileen Callear
Chairman of Ketley Parish Council

Events of 2023

Elections brought new faces to our Council

We are delighted to remind you of the results of our Parish Council elections that took place back in May. Your participation in this democratic process, as residents, brought fresh energy and perspective to our local governance. Three new councillors were appointed to serve our community:

Cllr. Mandy Cartwright

With having previously been a Councillor, Cllr. M Cartwright brings a wealth of knowledge to the Council.

Cllr. Gemma Offland

With a strong background in helping others, Cllr. G Offland is eager to assist the residents of Ketley in any capacity that she can.

Cllr. Ranbir Sahota

Cllr. R Sahota is dedicated to enhancing opportunities for all residents, supporting local schools, businesses, and creating safe spaces for our residents to grow and thrive.

Cllr. Nick Heath and **Cllr. Gemma Offland** were co-opted at the Extraordinary Co-Option Meeting that took place on Monday, June 5th, 2023.

We welcome these new councillors and look forward to their contributions in shaping the future of our Parish.

Celebrating King Charles's Coronation

On a historic note, we celebrated the coronation of King Charles with a special community gathering at the Ketley Community Centre and surrounding grounds.

The day was filled with patriotic spirit, as we joined the nation in celebrating this significant event. A big thank you to all who attended and made it a memorable day for our Parish.



Some brilliant photographs of our Coronation Event from earlier on in the year, featuring our Chair, Cllr. Eileen Callear, joining in with the festivities alongside some of our younger residents.

In addition to the bouncy castle (that can be seen in one of the photographs above), we are sure that our residents who were able to attend remember the delights of the hog roast that was served, with ice-cream for afters. Feedback received from our younger residents deemed that the face-painting and old-school fair games were a hit too!



You may have noticed our brand new boundary signs which are now located on Shepherds Lane, Holyhead Road and Waterloo Road. On your next outing, keep an eye out and see if you can spot them!

Our bus stops situated on Waterloo Road, the Paddock Mound entrance on Waterloo Road, and Sinclair Gardens have been fabulously painted this year by the wonderfully talented Fran O'Boyle. I'm sure that we can all agree how lovely Fran's work is and what beauty it brings to our Parish!



Annual Halloween Disco

As the leaves turned and the nights grew longer, it was time to get costumes ready for the annual Halloween Disco! On Monday, October 30th at Ketley Community Centre, we witnessed a spooktacular evening of music, dancing, and costume contests. There were treats, games, and plenty of fun for all ages. We hope that you had a scarily amazing time and hope that for anyone who missed it this year doesn't miss out on this beloved community event next year.

Exciting Upcoming Events for Christmas

The holiday season is just around the corner, and we have some exciting events planned to make this Christmas extra special for our Parish:

Christmas Light Switch on - A magical moment to kick off the festive season, Ketley will be glowing from Tuesday 21st November 2023.

Over 65's Christmas Dinners (ticketed event) - Embrace the joy of the season by joining us on Monday 18th December, Tuesday 19th December or Wednesday 20th December from 12:00 PM for our annual Christmas Dinners for residents of the Parish over the age of 65. Join your neighbours as we spread holiday cheer throughout the parish with dinner, drinks, and entertainment.

Children's Christmas Party (ticketed event) - On Friday, December 15th, we're hosting a special Christmas party just for the little ones. There will be games, crafts, and a visit from Santa Claus himself!

We can't wait to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with you all!

To ensure the event of the Kings Coronation would be nothing short of extraordinary, generous grants were allocated by Telford and Wrekin Council to go towards the celebrations and decorations. Notably, the Community Centre border was transformed by the planting of bulbs, radiating vibrant colours and

symbolising growth under the King of England's new reign. These bulbs bloomed during the coronation, and it's a tradition that we hope to continue for years to come!



Review of Telford & Wrekin Local Plan

Telford & Wrekin Local Plan Review - the draft Local Plan consultation 2023

The draft Plan sets out the council's vision for the borough, priorities for the plan, preferred policies and proposed housing and employment sites. This stage has been informed by the Issues and Options consultation which concluded in 2021.

Key priorities and objectives for the draft Plan include:

- tackling climate change and achieving carbon neutrality
- maximising inward investment and employment opportunities
- securing better homes for all
- improving health, wellbeing and tackling health inequalities
- protection and enhancement of green and natural environment
- delivering regeneration, renewal and stronger communities.

This consultation is your chance to have a say on proposals around climate change; supporting our Borough towns and local centres; employment and new homes across the borough up until 2040.

Our consultation will start on 25 October 2023 and run until 5pm on 12 January 2024.

To find out more and to have your say, please visit the website - <https://www.telfordandwrekinlocalplan.co.uk/site/index.php>

Parish Council Grants

Applications for grant funding from local organisations are considered throughout the year.

If you have an exciting idea for a new community group to start in our Parish, or would like some funding for an existing, already established, community group, please don't hesitate to get in touch to see how the Parish Council can help you!

Requests for an application form should be sent to the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk or telephone 01952 404434.

Community Partners

Do you want to be a featured Community Partner in our next Newsletter? Get in touch!! Email us at parishclerk@ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Ketley Community Centre

Nestled at the heart of our vibrant town, Ketley Community Centre stands as a beacon of unity and connection. This welcoming space, with its versatile facilities and warm atmosphere, is available for hire, extending an open invitation to all in our community.

From family gatherings to neighbourhood meetings, the Ketley Community Centre is the linchpin that brings our diverse community together. Its well-appointed rooms can host a myriad of events, from joyful celebrations to productive brainstorming sessions. With ample space and modern amenities, it effortlessly adapts to any occasion.

The Community Centre is more than just bricks and mortar; it's the hub where relationships bloom, ideas flourish, and bonds strengthen. It's where laughter and camaraderie resound, where shared dreams and ambitions find their footing. When you choose to hire this space, you're not just renting a room; you're investing in the well-being of our community, fostering connections that will ripple through generations. So, consider Ketley Community Centre for your next event and let's make memories together, strengthening the ties that bind our community.



Our Community Centre dressed up ready for Halloween & a private party

Our CAT Team



Mark & Jason - the CAT Team

You may have seen Jason and Mark around in the community maintaining the areas that we all cherish. They are superstars and are always working hard to keep the Garden of Rest looking beautiful, as well as dealing with areas that may need an extra little extra helping of TLC within our community. We are so lucky to have them and we can't thank them enough for all of their hard work!

Safer & Stronger Community

Telford and Wrekin Council launched a project in 2021 to help residents feel safer in their homes and connected to their communities.

The Safer and Stronger Communities project is working across Telford to develop neighbourhood action plans, which are priority concerns for areas as provided by each community.

Our neighbourhood coordinators work with residents to identify these and create plans to tackle issues that are raised. We regularly invite people to give their views to help build their own initiatives such as youth groups and social clubs and openings for volunteers to get involved.

We have three coordinators responsible for different areas who work with council teams to help reduce opportunities for wrongdoings such as fly-tipping, graffiti and anti-social behaviour.

If you would like to get in touch, please email the following team who can answer your queries: saferstronger@telford.gov.uk.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible residents of Ketley for your unwavering support of the Parish Council. Your dedication and involvement are the pillars that make our community truly great. Together, we've achieved so much, and your ongoing commitment to our shared vision fills our hearts with pride. Your contributions, no matter how small, have a significant impact, and we cherish the unity and strength you bring to Ketley. Thank you for making our community shine brightly, and here's to a future filled with even greater accomplishments and shared successes.



Cllr. Eileen Callear
Chair
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Hilda Rhodes
Vice Chair
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Mandy Cartwright
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Dave Elliott
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Joy Francis
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Nick Heath
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Cllr. Amrik Jhawar
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Sam Millward-Thomas
Beverley Ward



Cllr. Gemma Offland
Beverley Ward



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Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM
Friday: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

*Phones will only be answered during office hours

**The office is closed on weekends and Bank Holidays

Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council are held in the Community Centre on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. Members of the public, both parish and non-parish residents, are welcome to attend these meetings. All details of these meetings can be found on the Council's website.



Telford and Wrekin Council - Important Numbers:

General Enquiries	01952 384000
Adult Social Care	01952 459252
Anti-Social Behaviour	01952 384384
Benefits	01952 383838
Housing Options	01952 381925
Bins & Recycling	01952 384384
Council Tax	01952 383838
Environmental Health	01952 381818
Highways (streets & roads)	01952 384000
Planning	01952 380380
Registry Office	01952 382444
Safeguarding (Adults)	01952 385667
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