



Ketley Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025/2026 Edition

A warm welcome from Ketley Parish Council to our Winter Newsletter! As we look back at a busy and community-spirited year, we're delighted to share highlights from across Ketley, celebrate local achievements, and update you, our residents, on our upcoming projects and events!

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Welcome to the Winter 2025/2026 Edition of the Ketley Parish Council Newsletter

A Message from you Chair at Ketley Parish Council -

Councillor Sam Millward Thomas

Happy New Year from Ketley Parish Council

As we welcome the New Year, we would like to send our warmest wishes to all residents across the parish. We hope the year ahead brings you good health, happiness and plenty of opportunities to celebrate.

Looking forward, 2026 promises to be a year of continued growth, community spirit and positive change. Ketley Parish Council will remain focused on supporting local projects, enhancing our public spaces and ensuring the parish continues to be a welcoming place for all residents.



Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas
Chair of Ketley Parish Council

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement throughout the past year. We look forward to representing you in 2026 and beyond.

Councillor Sam Millward Thomas

MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Remembrance Service

Students from Meadows Primary School honoured Ketley's fallen heroes at the War Memorial, reading thoughtful poems and the list of names of those who served - who lived in Ketley.



Reception, Key Stage One, Lower Key Stage Two, & Upper Key Stage Two Christmas Plays

Ketley Parish Council were invited to see four different performances at Meadows Primary School in December which were well and truly show-stopping. The Christmas Plays showcased just how creative these students are, and their festive spirit was infectious. It was just the thing that got Ketley Parish Council staff members and Councillors in the Christmas mood. Well done to every student at Meadows, **you are MAGNIFICENT!**

Meadows - Beat the Jingle Bells!

Meadows have been running an initiative throughout December for students to be punctual everyday at school. Nursery and Reception students are to be in school no later than 8:45 AM, and students in years 1 to 6 are to be in school by 8:50 AM to be in with a chance to chance to win prizes! You can see in the image to the left, Ketley Parish Councils Chair, Councillor Sam Millward Thomas alongside the Councils Deputy Clerk, and four very punctual students from Meadows showcasing some of the prizes on offer.



Well done to all the students of Meadows who have Beat the Jingle Bells!

LOCAL RESIDENT RECOGNITION

ELIZAH JONES - AGE 6

Ketley Parish Council would like to express their heartfelt thank you's to Ketley's very own Eliza Jones, aged only 6 years old, who independently carried out a litter pick at Parkers Pool. Eliza's care and pride for her community sets a brilliant example and we are so grateful to have such amazing residents living in our Parish.

So again - THANK YOU ELIZAH!



Ketley Parish Council's Business Plan

Ketley Parish Council is pleased to share its Business Plan for 2025–2027, outlining key priorities including community facility improvements, environmental action, youth engagement and continued support for residents.

Read the full plan online at:

www.ketleyparishcouncil.gov.uk → **Download the Business Plan for Ketley Parish Council 2025 - 2027** → **Download Now**

Alternatively, pop into the Parish Council Office at Ketley Community Centre where you can flip through the pages of the printed copy we have here.

The Community Action Team - also known as the CAT



Alan & Josh - Ketley CAT

You may have noticed some new faces around Ketley.

Alan and Josh are the two dedicated members that make up the Ketley Community Action Team (CAT). They have been hard at work across Ketley, improving overgrown areas, maintaining pathways, enhancing the appearance of our public spaces, to name just a handful of tasks that they undertake on a daily basis.

They do all of this whilst ensuring the Garden of Rest is always looking beautiful. The before-and-after transformations show the impact of their dedication.



BEFORE

AFTER



BEFORE

AFTER

These before-and-after shots show us how Alan & Josh work tirelessly to keep our pathways clean and safe, and cutting down any overgrown foliage to ensure residents safety.

Thank you Alan & Josh for all of your hard work and dedication - Ketley are very lucky to have such a dedicated work force helping to maintain the beauty of our Parish.

Ketley Parish Council's Grant Award St Mary's Church

Ketley Parish Council proudly awarded a **£500 grant** to **St Mary's Church** in Red Lake to support them with the refurbishment of their accessible toilet. This grant will play a small part in ensuring comfort and accessibility for all visitors at St Mary's Church.

If you would like further information about our grant application process, please take a look on our website. Alternatively, you can call the Parish Office on 01952 404434.

Ketley Parish Council's 2025 Winter Events & Celebrations

2025 Children's Halloween Party

This year's Children's Halloween Party was another huge success, drawing in an incredible turnout of families ready for some spooky seasonal fun. The Community Centre was transformed into a Halloween haven! The children who attended arrived dressed to impress and WOW-ed us with their creativity!

A huge thank you goes to **Christian** (our Community Centre Manager), **Sarah & Becky** (our Community Centre staff) who put up the decorations, supervised the event, and made sure there were plenty of refreshments. Your continued efforts, time, and enthusiasm makes the event safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone, year after year. Ketley Parish Council are thankful to have you on our team and we are already excited for next year's spooky celebration!

REVIEWS:

Barbara Evans:

SUPERB! It's so nice to meet people I wouldn't normally meet at the clubs I attend at Ketley Community Centre



Sheila Knight:

The meal was excellent & piping hot - very pleased



Gill Adamson:

Can't fault it!!



Over 65's Christmas Dinners

Our annual Over 65s Christmas Dinners remain one of the most cherished events in the winter calendar, and 2025 was no exception. Residents gathered together for an afternoon filled with warmth, laughter, and festive cheer.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, followed by festive favourites, and some Christmas cracking entertainment of singing, a raffle, and bingo.

For many, it was a chance to meet old friends, make new ones, and enjoy some company during the busy holiday season - all with full bellies!

Many guests expressed their appreciation for the meal, the care shown, and the sense of togetherness the event provided. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone involved—you helped make this year's celebration truly memorable. The reviews speak for themselves!

2025 Children's Christmas Party

December brought with it one of the most magical dates in the Ketley calendar—the Children's Christmas Party!

The highlight of the afternoon was the arrival of Mr and Mrs Claus! They were both hugely impressed by how many Ketley children had made the nice list this year. The excitement in the room was contagious as little ones shared their Christmas wishes and posed for photos with the famous festive duo.

Again, a huge thank you must go to **Christian, Sarah, and Becky** who work tirelessly to ensure that all of our events smoothly. From preparing refreshments, decorating, and creating a safe and joyful environment for everyone who attends.

Events like these continue to show the strength of our community spirit, and we're grateful to every person who continues to contribute.



Ketley's Youth Club

For those of you **aged 9 - 16** who haven't come along yet, come and check us out! New members are always welcomed!

Ketley's Youth Club runs every **Thursday (during term time)** between **3:45 PM - 5:30 PM**. The Youth Club, that is run by the wonderful team at the 4 All Foundation, is supported by Borough Councillor Ranbir Sahota's Pride Fund, Ketley Parish Council, and Safer Stronger. Without the support from our Borough Councillor and Safer Stronger, we would struggle to deliver this amazing provision to our young residents, so from everyone at Ketley Parish Council we would like to thank them all for their continued support.

In addition to the support we already receive from Safer Stronger, they have kindly provided Ketley Parish Council with the funds to secure a **brand new tennis table!** This will be available for use on Thursdays for the attendees of the Youth Club, but also utilised for future Parish Council Events.

For more information, you can email info@4all.foundation - or to find out more about the huge range of programmes run across Telford and beyond by 4 All Foundation, simply visit 4all.foundation or follow the charity on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.

Easter Activities 2026

Ketley Parish Council are excited to be running the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** again for Easter 2026!

As we have done in previous years, there will be an Easter themed trail across Ketley where you will need to find the clues and work out the answers...once you complete the trail, make sure to head back to the Community Centre where our Community Centre Manager, Christian, will be eagerly awaiting to hear your Easter themed answer before being rewarded for all your hard work with a chocolatey treat!

To ensure that as many children as possible are able to participate, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt trail will be running throughout the two-week Easter Holidays.

2026 Easter Holidays - Monday 30 March 2026 - Friday 10 April 2026

Speeding and Dangerous Driving - Mossey Green Way

Police have confirmed that ongoing work is taking place to address speeding along Mossey Green Way, after concerns were brought forward by residents. While specific details can't be shared at this stage, the issue remains a priority and is being progressed through the appropriate channels.

Remember - you can report any speeding in Ketley by doing the following:

If the speeding is happening now

- Call 999 and ask for the police.
- Use this option if the driver is putting themselves or others in immediate danger.
- Ensure you are in a safe place to make the call and are not driving.

If the speeding is not happening now

- Call 101 to report the incident to the police.
- Report the incident online via your local police force's website. You may find a specific form for reporting road traffic incidents or dangerous driving.

Ketley Parish Council's 2026 Consultation Event

We invite you, the residents of Ketley, to a Community Consultation on Friday 20 February 2026. The Consultation will be open to residents between 4 PM and 7 PM at Ketley Community Centre.

After the success of the Consultation held in November 2024, Ketley Parish Council wanted to ensure that we continued with these events to allow for you, as residents, to have your say. We want to be able to give the residents of Ketley the best opportunities to see what they suggest within our Parish.

Your voice matters, and we want to hear it.

We want to hear your thoughts on how Ketley Parish Council can better serve you and address the issues that matter most to our community. Whether it's improvements to local facilities, concerns about safety, or ideas for future projects, your input is invaluable.

Your feedback will help shape our plans and priorities moving forward. We look forward to an open and constructive discussion!

WELLINGTON AND SHIFNAL TAEKWONDO

Wellington & Shifnal Taekwondo run Taekwondo classes for anyone and everyone from aged 5 and up in the Telford area.

They are proud members of the Taekwondo Association of Great Britain, they are international 4th Dan instructors, DBS checked, 1st aid qualified and fully insured, and all of Wellington & Shifnal Taekwondo's gradings are independently run by 9th Dan World Grand Masters.

They have a 100% pass rate at both colour belt and black belt gradings.

Give them a call, a message, or just come along. They are offering a **FREE TRIAL** for new starters!

Contact: Louis Jeffs at louisjeffs@hotmail.co.uk / 07887 456005 OR Paula Jeffs at paulafdw@googlemail.com / 07487 577978



THURSDAY'S 6 PM - 8:30 PM @ KETLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOLYHEAD ROAD, KETLEY, TELFORD, TF1 5AN

THE FRIENDS OF KETLEY PADDOCK MOUND



Pete Cotton, Mary Richards, and Wendy Stubbs

As you may remember from the Autumn Newsletter, the Friends were nominated for a BBC Shropshire Make a Difference Award in the Green category. On September 26th, Wendy Stubbs, Pete Cotton, Christine Tyler and Mary Richards represented the Friends at an excellent Awards Ceremony at The Anstice in Madeley. The winner in the Green category was the Shrewsbury Repair Shop but the three other nominees received Highly Commended awards. We were thrilled to be part of this event with so many deserving individuals and groups from around the county.

You can still view the Friends' film by visiting:

BBC Radio Shropshire - Make a Difference: Shropshire, Make a Difference Award Green - Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound

MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE MOUND:

The clearing of the Common Reed (Phragmites) from the Round Pool and logs from the canal end by Hanson River Maintenance, organised via Telford & Wrekin.

A wildlife survey was carried out by the Joy of Wildlife group. Their report is awaited at the time of writing.

The Friends have started to clear vegetation around saplings along Fen's Way with a view to wildflower seeding.

In collaboration with members of Ketley History Group, there are design plans for an interpretation panel to mark the line of the canal where it entered a tunnel under Shepherd's Lane.

The Friends continue to meet on the first Sunday and third Thursday at 10:00am and new helpers are always welcome. Keep up to date on our Facebook page.

The mission

NO ONE NEED GO WITHOUT THE BASIC ESSENTIALS TO KEEP THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES SHELTERED, FED, CLEAN, CLOTHED, WARM, AND HEALTHY.

Telford and Wrekin Council Crisis Support

Telephone: **01952 586 646**
WhatsApp/Mobile: **07592 041666**
Email: **admin@telfordcrisissupport.org.uk**
Website: **www.telfordcrisissupport.org.uk**

Ketley Community Centre has been working with Telford and Wrekin Councils Crisis Support Team for a very long time. We are a registered collection point for those who have completed an application to receive a food and/or clothes parcel through the Crisis Support Team. If you are due to collect, please ensure that the Community Centre is open prior to coming across to us, as we may be closed and have not received any parcels for individuals to collect. If you are ever unsure, please contact the Crisis Support Team directly on the contact information available above.

Telford & Wrekin Council: MyTelford App

Need to report an issue in your local area, access council services or log a missed bin collection – **MyTelford** can do all this and more!

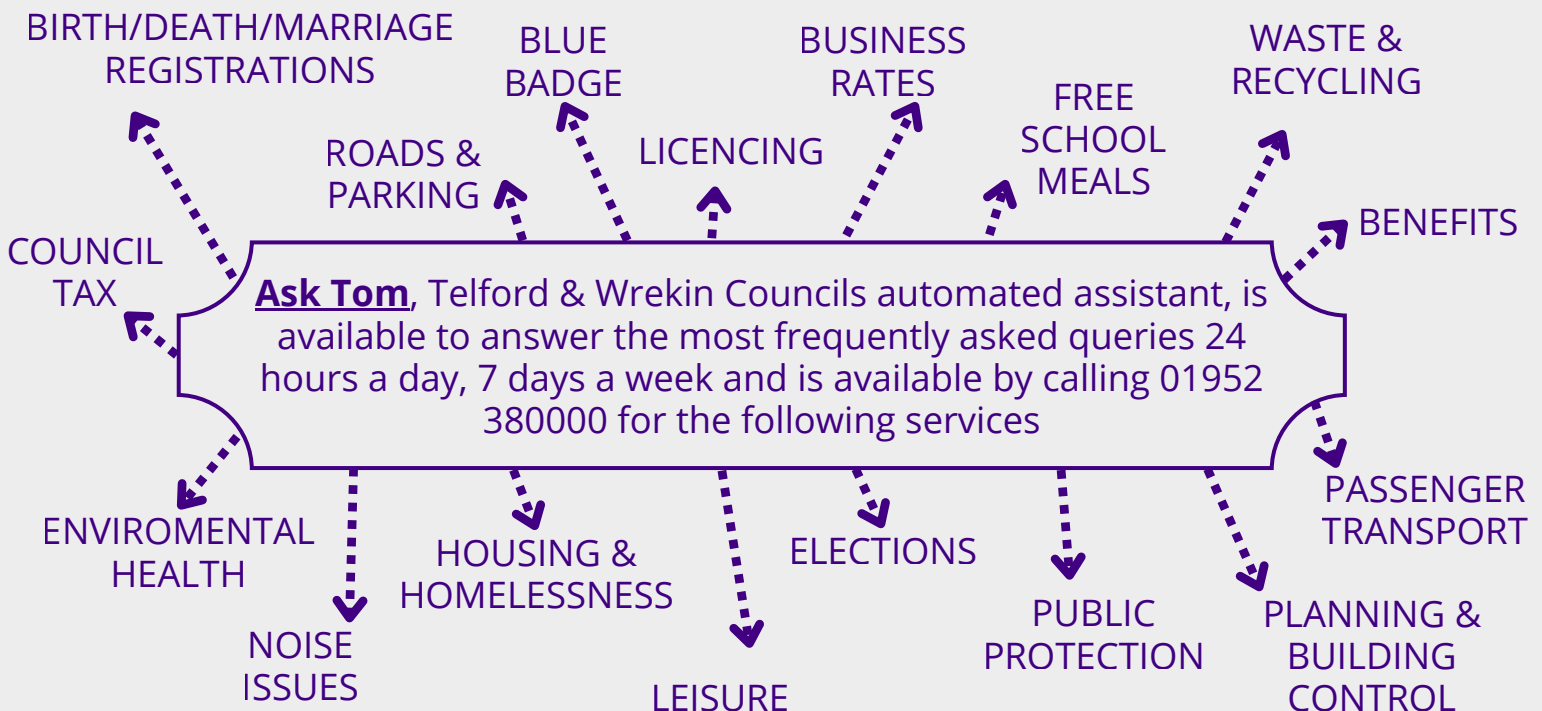


A few years ago, Telford and Wrekin Council launched a new single sign on portal – **MyTelford** – to make it easier and quicker for you to access council services, manage your Council accounts, report issues and track their progress – in one easy place, anytime, anywhere.

No hanging on the phone, no waiting for offices to open, simply sign up to your My Telford account – it is quick and easy to do. Registering for an account is easy and takes just a couple of minutes.

To register, just visit the following website:

<https://my.telford.gov.uk/account/register>



Meet your Ketley Parish Councillors for Ketley Ward and Beveley Ward:



Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas
Chair
Beveley Ward



Cllr. Hilda Rhodes
Vice Chair
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Helen Barker
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Eileen Callear
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Dave Elliott
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Maggie Evans
Beveley Ward



Cllr. Joy Francis
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Nick Heath
Beveley Ward



Cllr. Amrik Jhawar
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Ranbir Sahota
Telford & Wrekin Council Borough Councillor
Ketley Ward



Cllr. Sukh Thiara
Ketley Ward

If you would like to contact any of your Parish Councillors, please email the Parish Clerk or Deputy Clerk and an email address for your chosen Councillor will be provided

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Office Hours** | Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



*phones will only be answered during office hours
**the office is closed on weekends and Bank Holidays