THE LILLESHALL VOICE

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Lilleshall Parish Council

Chairman's Message

As we move into the autumn months, I'm pleased to reflect on a season of community spirit and positive developments across Lilleshall Parish. Our summer events were a great success — from the Llandudno coach trip for older residents to the lively Summer Sizzler at the Cricket Club, which brought families together for a day of free activities, face painting, and fun.

We've made tangible improvements around the parish, including the installation of new benches in the village and the resurfacing of pathways at the Lilleshall Parish allotments. We've also supported local groups such as the 1st Lilleshall Brownies, celebrating their 75th anniversary, and the newly formed Local History Group, which is preserving our rich heritage.

A special highlight this season was our entry in the annual Scarecrow Festival — the Parish Council's very own Town Crier scarecrow, proudly representing tradition and community pride. The weather didn't dampen the spirits of all those who took part and a shout out to Lilleshall pre-school for organising such a wonderful event.

We remain committed to supporting events and initiatives that benefit our residents. If you or your group have ideas for future parish activities, please do get in touch. Your input helps shape the vibrant community we all enjoy.

Warm regards,
Bob Taylor
Chairman, Lilleshall Parish Council

Look inside for:

- Summer event review
- New benches for the parish
- Allotment improvements

Summer Events Review

Llandudno Trip for our older residents

On a beautiful, sunny day in June, the Parish Council put on a coach to Llandudno. The trip was available to all residents aged over 60, who reside in the Lilleshall Parish boundary. Councillors and staff were very pleased with the response. We took a full coach to the seaside for our older residents to enjoy the fresh sea air, a stroll along the prom and potter around the eclectic mix of shops in the town. The day trip also involved dodging numerous very hungry and bold seagulls! Councillors received many positive comments about the trip, and we hope to run a coach trip again next summer, details of which will be in the Spring edition of the newsletter.

Pictured opposite: Residents returning to the Memorial Hall after a lovely day out at the seaside.

Pictured below: Parish Councillors at the Summer Sizzler.

Summer Sizzler

Lilleshall Parish Council supported the Summer Sizzler event run by Lilleshall Cricket Club. The Parish Council contributed to children's activities at the event, which included two bouncy castles and a balloon artist. Parish Council funding was also used to assist with the provision of food at the event. Many young families visited the activities and had a great afternoon out, with all activities being free of charge. Lilleshall Village Tennis Club offered children's tennis sessions and Lilleshall Pre-School created some amazing face-painting designs!

Lilleshall Parish Council would like to support events that serve our local community. There will be a meeting to discuss parish events in the New Year. If you or your group have any suggestions, please contact the Parish Council using the details on the back page.

Community Grant update

New benches in Lilleshall village

Lilleshall Parish Council with support from Telford & Wrekin Borough Councillor Andrew Eade, have bought and installed new benches in Lilleshall village.

Pride in our Community
Councillors' Pride Fund

Councillor Andrew Eade joins residents of Old Ben Homes, enjoying the comfort of the new benches. Members of the public will have access to the bench at the bus shelter outside Old Ben Homes. We hope that residents will enjoy a place to sit whilst waiting for their bus!

Lilleshall Local History Group

Lilleshall Parish Council have awarded a grant to this newly formed group to facilitate their research into the history and residents of local houses. The group aims to preserve a tangible link to the past and foster a deeper understanding of Lilleshall homes and community. If you would like to join the history group, they meet every Wednesday at 10.30-11.20 in the Lilleshall Church coffee lounge. You can also visit their website https://lilleshalllocalhistory.co.uk or email lilleshall.localhistorygroup@outlook.com.

Brownies
Girlguiding

1st Lilleshall Brownies

Lilleshall Parish Council have awarded a grant to the 1st Lilleshall Brownies who celebrate their 75th Anniversary this year. The Brownies provides opportunities for girls and women who in turn improve and benefit their local community.

Improvements around Lilleshall Parish

Resurfacing the pathways on Lilleshall Allotments at Brockton Leasowes

We have made improvements to our allotment pathways, resurfacing them to make them safer and giving the site a new lease of life. Our allotment tenants have been very pleased with the work done on site and we hope to make further improvements in the next financial year. The allotment waiting list is currently only available to residents of Lilleshall Parish. If you wish to be added to the parish waiting list, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Community News...

Tech Made Friendly sessions are being held at the Hillside Meeting Room in early 2026. Please see the poster below for more details.

Telford & Wrekin Co-operative Council Capgemini AbilityNet

Tech Made Friendly – 2026 locations

Free digital skills programme in Telford & Wrekin to residents aged 18+

Join our friendly, six session courses designed to help you feel confident using your device. Step by step guidance, in a supportive group session to help you master the basics including:

- Staying in touch using email, texts, phone or video calls
- Use the internet to find local news, services, events and more
- Access your health information & order repeat prescriptions online
- Take, view and share photos or documents with confidence
- Stay safe online: helpful tips to stay safe from scams

Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop. No device? Help may be available (conditions apply).

To book your place or find out more, visit www.telford.gov.uk/facetoface or call **01952 380000**

Where	When	Session Time
The Gower, St Georges	Mon 12th Jan - Mon 16th Feb	10.00 -11.30am
Hillside Meeting Room, Lilleshall	Mon 12th Jan - Mon 16th Feb	1.30 - 3.00pm
Belmont Community Hall, Wellington	Thurs 15th Jan - Thurs 19th Feb	1.30 - 3.00pm
Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre	Mon 23rd Feb – Mon 30th March	10.00 -11.30am
Randlay Community Centre	Mon 23rd Feb – Mon 30th March	1.30 - 3.00pm
Edgmond Village Hall	Thurs 26th Feb – Thurs 2nd April	1.30 - 3.00pm

Lilleshall Parish Council meetings

Tuesday 9th December 2025

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Telford & Wrekin Council's Cost Of Living Crisis LED Bulb Distribution Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to target those residents most affected by the cost-of-living crisis to provide them with energy efficient LED bulbs to help lower their lighting related energy bills and carbon footprints.

LED BULBS AVAILABLE FROM THE HILLSIDE MEETING ROOM ON A TUESDAY BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM.

Services at St. Michael's over the Christmas Period

14th December Christingle service 3.30pm.

21st December Carol service 6.30pm.

24th December (Christmas Eve) Midnight Holy Communion 11pm.

25th December (Christmas Day) Holy Communion 9.30am.

Lilleshall Panto Group

Provisional dates for upcoming shows are the 6th, 7th and 8th March 2026. Please see the Memorial Hall noticeboard for more updates.

Lilleshall Parish Council

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