



VILLAGE VOICE

TWO VILLAGES - ONE COMMUNITY



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Be kind
whenever possible.
It is always possible.

- 14th Dalai Lama

Get updates on
local issues

Defibrillators in
both villages

Celebrate Christmas
together



WELCOME

I'd like to introduce you to our refreshed new look magazine, designed and delivered to you by Rodington Parish Council. Your most local level of government, serving the villages of Longdon upon Tern and Rodington with pride and honour.

We always try to do our best to communicate with the public and as one of the smallest rural councils in Telford & Wrekin its great to receive so much good feedback about our efforts. But we will always listen to all feedback and keep improving, so thank you.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Village Voice.

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NOTICEBOARDS

Located at: Longdon entrance from Telford (next to Redhouse Barns), next to the Tayleur Arms car park, adjacent to the junction of Sunningdale and next to The Bull in Rodington.

LOCAL ISSUES

Keeping you up to date with some of the local issues that Councillors are dealing with in and around our parish.

LONGDON BRIDGE

At the May 2021 meeting of the parish council Senior Structural Engineers attended to report to the parish council; they confirmed that the primary elements of the structure are in good condition, but they have picked up recorded movement in the spandrels and parapets to the one side of the structure, however further measurements have been taken of the parapets to ensure they can monitor this movement going forward. As they cannot determine exactly where in the parapets the heavy level of movement is coming from, they have installed pins at fixed points to monitor this. In general, TWC's view is that the structure is in good condition for its age, but they do understand there are concerns with the ongoing durability of the structure and this will continue to be monitored. Parish councillors are in ongoing discussions with TWC to monitor vibrations and structural integrity of the bridge.

SIGNAGE REPAIRS

There is an outstanding request to rework the new signage in the centre of Rodington adjacent to Rodenhurst Lane as this is not what the parish council requested.

FOOTPATH ON B5063

At the parish councils request, TWC have confirmed that they will resurface the footpath on the B5063 between Longdon bridge and the village hall and this will be prioritised within their annual capital programs.

New app for reporting local issues...

Download myTelford for local services from Telford & Wrekin Council and for a quicker way to report local issues from pot holes to missed bin collections.





DEFIBRILLATORS FOR YOUR PARISH

Rodington Parish Council is pleased to have worked with Conor and Anthony of the Tayleur Arms in Longdon upon Tern and West Mercia Police to install the first AED's "Automated External Defibrillator" in Rodington parish, to be installed in October 2021.

These units can save lives if and when needed and can be accessed in cases of emergencies. If you ever find yourself in a position where you need to access a defibrillator you should **only ever contact 999 or 112** who will give you all the instructions for accessing and administering the AED. These particular AED's will give you voice controlled instructions to assist.

Cllr Fletcher, who will be one of the "caretakers" for the AED's said *"we are very grateful to the Tayleur Arms and West Mercia for working with us to deliver these potentially life saving pieces of equipment. Thanks also to the Police and Crime Commissioner for his help securing the long awaited defib in Rodington"*

Each defibrillator will be maintained by the parish council. One is located on the frontage of the Tayleur building and the other is in the old phone box next to the Rodington Bull.

If you'd like to join any "introduction" sessions to show you how to use the equipment please get in touch with your local parish councillors.

Serving or served, regular or reserve...

Rodington Parish Council thanks you.

The parish council has recently received the seal of the Armed Forces Covenant and through our appointed Armed Forces Champion and Councillors we will honour those who have served in the past or present for the service to our country. As an organisation we are ensuring we are doing all we can to be a point of contact and directory of support to those who serve our country, regular or reservists.

During November you will see silhouette armed forces men and women appear in both villages in Rodington parish as part of our efforts to remember who served for our Armed Forces. Representatives from the parish council will also attend Remembrance Day services at both village churches to lay wreaths on behalf of the parish council as a mark of respect.



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PLANTING SCHEMES

The parish council is looking to continue its ecological interests since tree and daffodil planting in 2020 which received an overwhelming level of support and appreciation amongst residents and visitors.

Whilst looking at our “next steps” to progress more ecological schemes we are keen to do more that helps tackle the climate crisis and encourages more habitats for ever more endangered species.

At present we are working with local residents and Telford & Wrekin Council to plant trees, plant 3,000 more daffodils, taking our local daffodil population up to 6,000 and we are keen on encouraging managed wildflower verges amongst other ambitions. If you'd like to put any ideas forward or be part of the planting schemes please get in touch with your parish councillors.

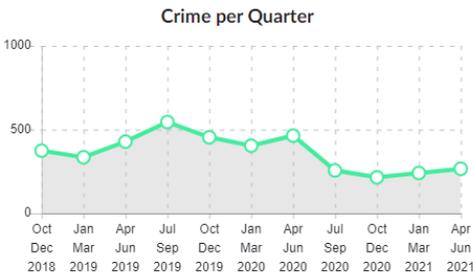
LAST CHANCE FOR SMARTWATER KIT

Since the rollout of Smartwater across our parish since 2019 we have seen nearly every household and business in the area take up their free kits. These simple and effective pieces of technology have a 100% conviction rate where used in a court of law in the UK.

There has been a slow decrease in reported crimes across the area since 2019 which potentially shows that having a visible Smartwater safe community is having the desired and expected effect.

There are still a few more kits left and they are available to households in Rodington parish so please contact us as soon as possible to get your kit before they run out.

Stats from www.police.uk



**WE DON'T
BUY CRIME**

NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

Neighbourhood Matters - the brand new community messaging service.

Through Neighbourhood Matters you can sign up for local police alerts; receive information about crime in your area, find out about drop-in sessions, answer surveys, and more.

You're invited to sign up and become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone.

Don't worry, you won't be bombarded with every incident. You can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive.

Sign up now [https://
neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/](https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/)

Please note that this service is not for reporting crimes or incidents – to make a report please dial 999 in an emergency.



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Two villages, one community of
RODINGTON AND LONGDON UPON TERN
come together for the annual



TREE OF LIGHT

CELEBRATION

MONDAY 29TH NOV @ 6:30PM

At Rodington Village Hall

Light switch on at 7:15pm

Hot drinks and food

Join in carol singing

Classic Jingles



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AND RAISING VITAL FUNDS FOR



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