

# LILLESHELL VOICE

*December 2022*

Lilleshall Parish Council, Lilleshall,  
Newport ([lilleshallpc.org.uk](http://lilleshallpc.org.uk))

# Chairmans Statement

*Welcome Chloe!*

First and foremost, I would like to welcome Chloe Martin as our new Parish Clerk. Chloe arrives on the back of her experience as clerk for a number of smaller Shropshire parish councils. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her every success in her role for Lilleshall Parish.

## *Residents' Security*

Due to an unwanted increase in anti-social behaviour in parts of the parish, particularly in the trading and use of illegal substances, the Parish Council decided to install a security camera at the north end of Hillside East. The camera is now in place and the area is being monitored by the borough council. The camera and monitoring service was funded jointly by the Parish Council and Borough Councillor Andrew Eade, and as the work was carried out in collaboration with our neighbouring Church Aston Council, Telford and Wrekin reduced the overall price for the joint schemes by £3,000.



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# Road Safety

The long-awaited Village Traffic Scheme to introduce traffic calming measures and reduce the speed limit to 20mph, has gone through the final stages of the Traffic Order process, and Telford and Wrekin have instructed their contractors to proceed with the installation works. Hopefully we will see the works under way this coming month.

A further scheme developed by Councillor Andrew Eade has been agreed with Telford and Wrekin to install speed ramps and a SID facility on Humber Lane near the junction with Body Road. In addition to these two active schemes, the Parish Council has produced a schedule of road safety schemes on the A518, for submission to Telford and Wrekin Council. A copy of the schedule can be seen in the parish office, and it is available on the Parish website - <http://www.lilleshallpc.org.uk/community/lilleshall-parish-council-7934/road-safety-schemes/>



David Shaw  
Chairman of  
Lilleshall Parish  
Council

# Council News

## Road

### **TRAFFIC SCHEMES**

The council has made a lot of progress with traffic control schemes

Village Traffic Calming Measures.

Installation of Cobble Sets, Speed Indicator Devices, Revised Road Signage and Markings.

Approved by Telford and Wreking Parish Council, awaiting start date.

20 MPH Speed Limit.

Introduction of 20mph Speed Limit throughout the village.

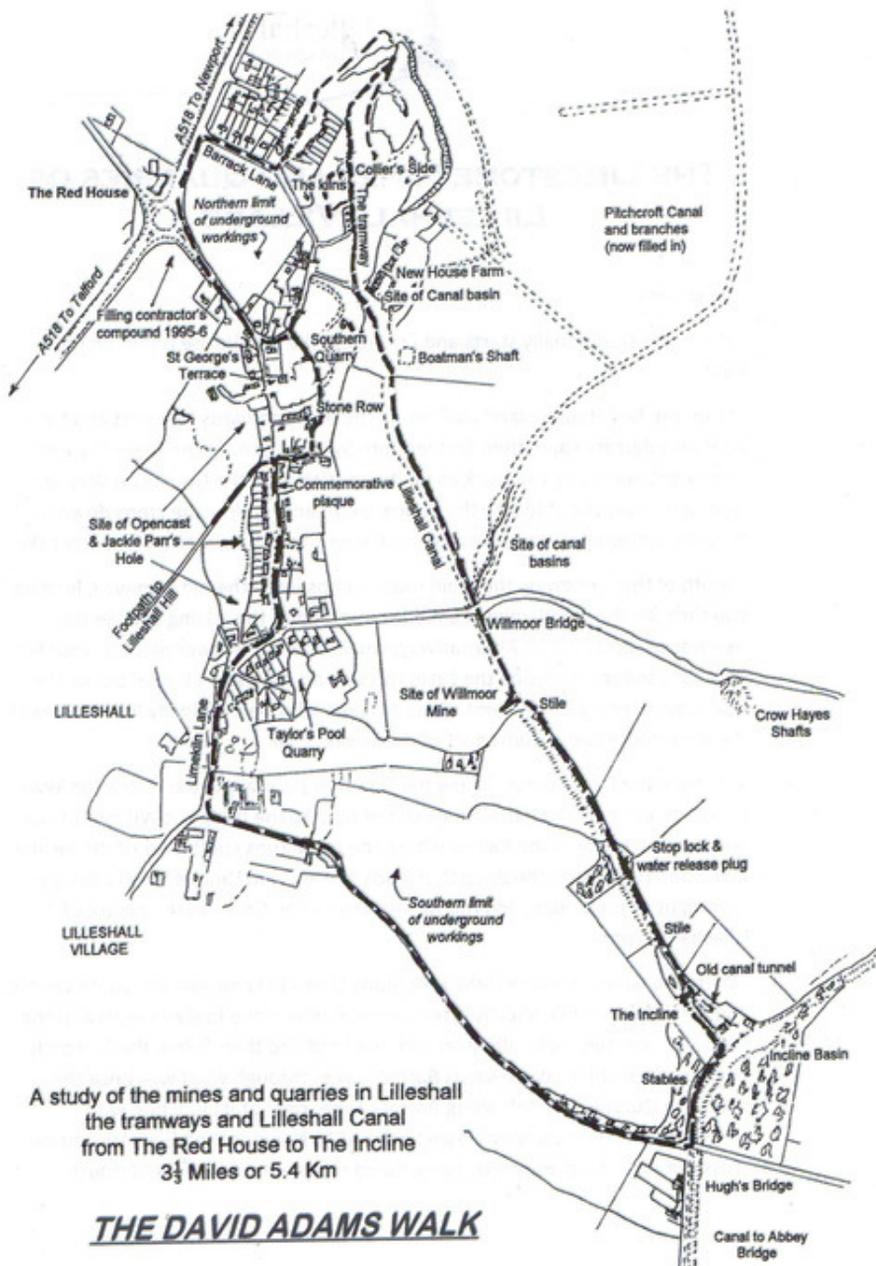
TRO published and out for consultation.



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Humbers Lane Traffic Calming Scheme	Provision of Chicane or Cobble Sets in residential areas of Humbers Lane, supported by SID, Signage and Road Markings	Initial consultation with TWC carried out. Local Residents survey carried out.
Wellington Road and Honnington Grange Junction	Extend 40 mph to the A518 junction, Introduction of 30 mph speed limit through residential area and remodeling of Abbey Road Junctions	This has been proposed and in the process of being designed.
A518 Approaches to Red House Roundabout	Introduction of 30mph speed limit from the woodlands to the roundabout.	This has been proposed and in the process of being designed.
A518 Brockton Leasowes Junction	Provision of New Signage Improvements to sight lines and right turn lane markings.	Initial consultation with TWC carried out and residents group request for improvements

# David Adams Walk



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The limestone mines and quarries of Lilleshall Village

## **Directions:**

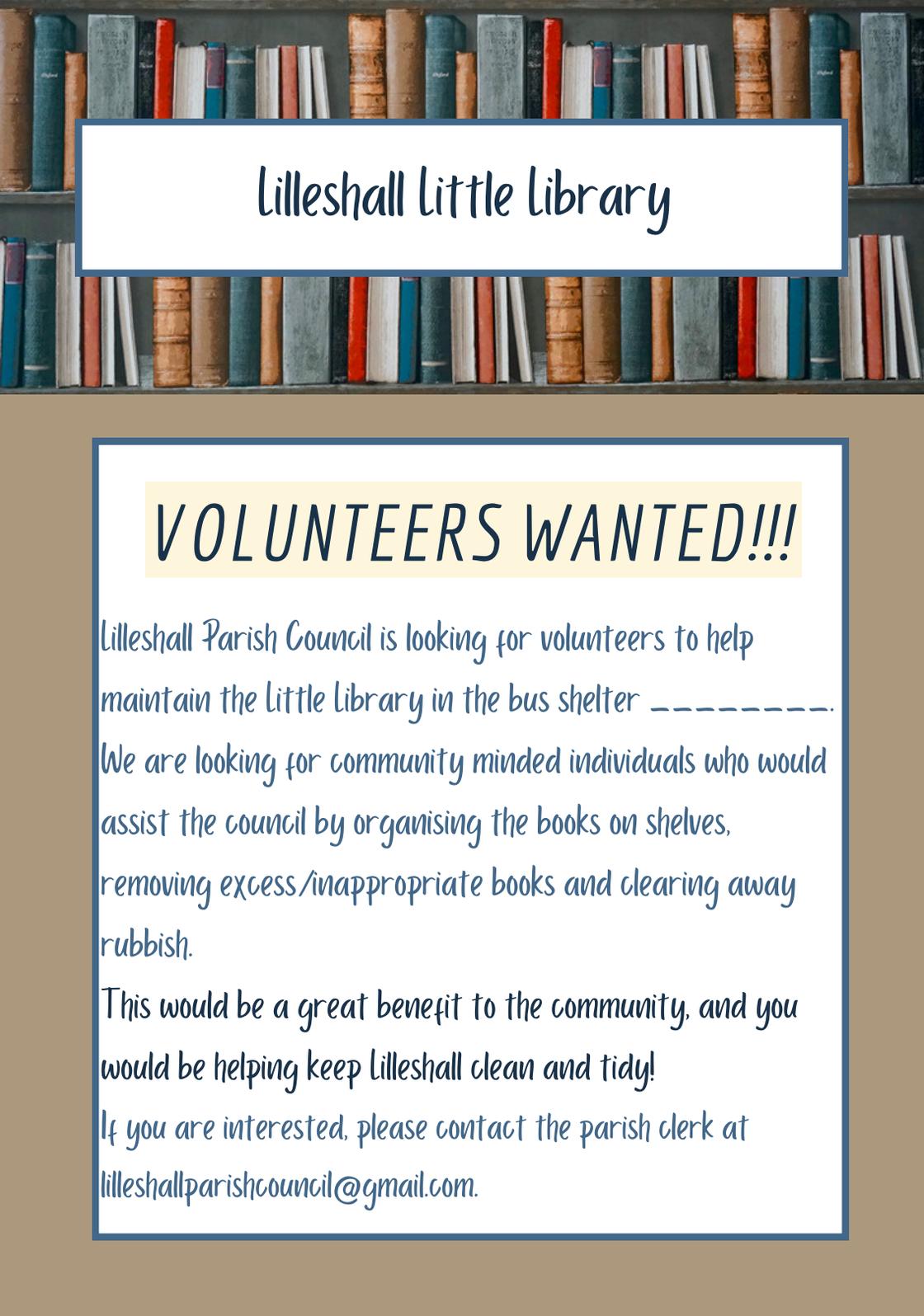
This route traditionally starts and finishes at the Red House Island on the A518.

From the Red House Island walk along the A518, towards Newport and turn right into Barrack Lane then first left into Sylvan Close. At the end of Sylvan Close continue along the track as far its junction with the Hutchinson Way and turn right, over the stile into the quarry woodland. Follow the steps down to a timber causeway which carries the path over the northern arm of quarry lake.

South of the causeway, the main route climbs up to the old tramway, leading you through the wood, over the kilns and up to the kissing gate by the Newhouse Farm Access. Alternatively, you can follow a lower path, to your left, which meanders alongside the lake, through an old wagon tunnel below the tramway, opening out in front of the old lime kilns before finally linking up with the main route about 50m short of the kissing gate.

Crossing the farm access, follow the footpath signs along the Hutchison Way, past the farm and along the old canal towpath to the bridge at Willmoor Lane, and then on towards the incline where the route runs southwest of the incline plane and right along the drive that leads to Old Farm Lane at Hugh's Bridge. Turn right at the bridge and follow the lane to The Green in the centre of Lilleshall Village.

With the green on your right, walk along Limekiln Lane past the Youth Centre and steadily downhill. Shortly after that point where the footway ends and the road narrows, turn right along an unmade road and then follow the footpath posts leading you towards Barrack Lane, through what was once the southern Quarry. Turn left along Barrack Lane, right at its junction with Limekiln Lane, then carry on down to the A518 Newport Road, where you can cross the main road and enjoy some liquid refreshments in the Red House!



# Lilleshall Little Library

## ***VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!***

Lilleshall Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help maintain the Little Library in the bus shelter -----.

We are looking for community minded individuals who would assist the council by organising the books on shelves, removing excess/inappropriate books and clearing away rubbish.

This would be a great benefit to the community, and you would be helping keep Lilleshall clean and tidy!

If you are interested, please contact the parish clerk at [lilleshallparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lilleshallparishcouncil@gmail.com).

# Were there Wolves or Lions on Lilleshall Hill?

Written by David Shaw

## The Tale is...

A common tale around Lilleshall is that there were 4 stone lions seated at the corners of the monument. These were removed, possibly when hit by lightning sometime in the early 20th century, or they were moved by vandals, with two finishing up in Lilleshall Hall, or in a field near hill farm, and two were placed at the entrance to what we know as Cheswell Drive.



# Were they Wolves or Lions?

## *Some facts*

- The Leveson-Gower family who bought Lilleshall Abbey during the Dissolution of the monasteries and subsequently climbed the social ladder and landed gentlefolk to dukedom, possessed a coat of arms bearing wolves rampant.
- The monument was commissioned in 1833 on behalf of local tenants who raised 300 pounds to construct the column as a "testimonial of their respect and gratitude to the duke and their liberal Landlord". Perhaps some of his Scottish tenants may have thought differently about their landlord.

- The foundation stone was laid on 7th October 1833 and work continued to the design of a Mr Harrison of Stone. A description of the scheme was published in the Gentleman magazine for November 1833 stating Mr Harrison's design included "... A wolf couchant carved in stone will ornate each wing..."
- It appears that there was more than one designer, and in fact Mr Harrison designed the obelisk we see today, and Sir Francis Chanter, an acclaimed sculptor, designed the wolf statues.

This all seems to lead towards a conclusion that the statues would have been wolves rather than lions, and one look at the statues in Cheswell Drive would raise the question:

*Who would produce such emaciated lions with wolf like jaws?*

# Did they actually make it up the hill?

## The Facts:

- Although work on the obelisk was under way in October 1833. A start on the sculptures appears to have been delayed until October 1834, one month after the progress on the obelisk was reporting to be near completion. The wolf statue design of Sir Francis would have required substantial modifications to the monument base to provide slabs on each wing for the wolves to lie on, and he specifies that the stone for the wolves had to come from a different quarry to that used on the obelisk. Mr Harrison and his team must have been really pleased with this!
- A drawing for the monument with wolves attached shows corner plinths which require chamfers on each corner of the base, and a slab of around 2m in width to carry each of the wolves, which are 2.5m long and 1.2m wide. This would require major modification of the base and no doubt a substantial increase in cost - a contractors dream project!

# Questions

If the modifications were carried out, what has happened to the four plinths, and why are the corners of the base square not chamfered?

How did they move four 1 tonne wolves up the hill without breaking them, and how were they, and their plinths moved back down without further damage?

Why bother with all this extra work when the wolves could easily be placed in the grounds of the newly completed Lilleshall Hall instead?

We do know where two wolves are now located, but where are wolves three and four?

~ Introducing for Winter ~

# *WARM THURSDAYS*

at

*St Michael's Church Lilleshall*

a warm space every Thursday  
dawn 'til dusk  
refreshments available  
Children's corner  
dogs welcome  
no charge

*Everyone welcome*

Church Office 01952 670033

Church also open and heated on Sundays

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# Lilleshall Tennis Club

*The tennis club is thriving we have seen more new members this year which is very encouraging. We are hoping to increase our junior membership for both juniors and adults next year and coaching for both is still available via Josh who can be contacted via [josh@i2ctennis.co.uk](mailto:josh@i2ctennis.co.uk) or phone 07715287420.*

*Our annual Club Tournament was held on 9th October with the winners being Steve Smith and Carol Spraggett, runners up Nat Mottram and Pauline Coffey.*

*We also held a Tournament for our very successful Rusty Racquet ladies (not so rusty I can tell you), held on 26th October, which was won by Debbie Jones and Lynn Kupiec. A great group of ladies who are very enthusiastic about their tennis.*





*We currently have two teams playing in the Shropshire Autumn League. These are outdoor events and so far we have been fairly lucky with the weather.*

*We were a little tucked away during the Scarecrow Festival but in case you didn't see it, our contribution is here.*



*We will be continuing to play tennis throughout the winter and to ensure this happens despite the weather conditions, we have reserved 3 indoor courts for two hours at the Telford Tennis Centre on a Thursday night. We will still play at Lilleshall on Tuesday night and Sunday mornings, weather permitting.*



# *Lilleshall Memorial Hall*

*Management Committee - Chairperson: Mrs Pam Millard*

## **A Greener Memorial Hall**

A lot of people will have noticed the fact that the roof of the Memorial Hall is now boasting solar panels, which were installed earlier in the year. However, because we are having a system that stores the energy created, the accompanying batteries were not available and were not put into place until early in October. The total installation cost was in excess of £17,000.00.

The incentive for this came from "Telford and Wrekin Climate Change Fund" who were making funds (up to £5,000.00) available for

organisations within the Borough to make their own contribution to arrest the growth in global warming. This means that the balance has been provided from our own funds.





The Memorial Hall Committee made up of representatives from the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council together with co-opted members thought long and hard about spending this amount of money but in fact we came to the conclusion that in the final analysis we had no alternative, in view of the catastrophes that other countries in the world have suffered in terms of floods, famine and droughts.

So we feel that we are making, albeit a small contribution to problems that the world is currently facing.

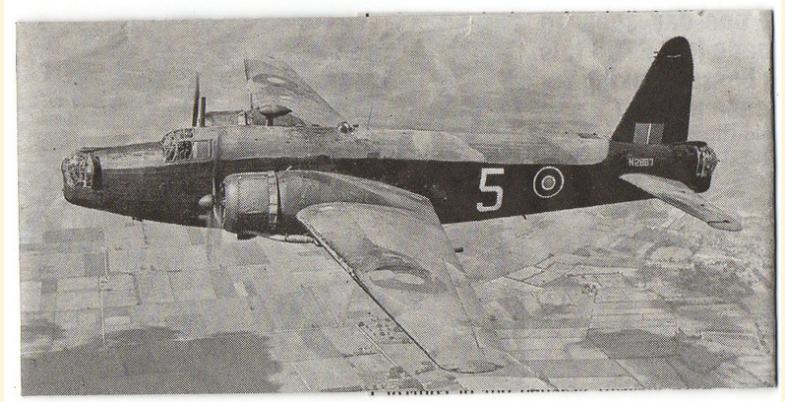
# Did you know?

This article was written by Cllr Andrew Baker.

A wartime tragedy occurred in Lilleshall on November 20th, 1944, at 11.55 hrs claiming the life of the pilot of a Super Marine Seafire Fighter. The Seafire Fighter collided with the Wellington Bomber, killing all six crew members, which was flying from R.A.F. Market Harbough in adverse weather.

Eyewitness accounts provided of the incident read, "three of us were working in a field between the red house pub and Lilleshall Monument when a large plane came over the Hill lower and lower, crashed and exploded, spreading the crews' bodies and grazing sheep over a large area producing a huge crater".

**The Seafire Fighter crashed at Ketley Brook Killing Sub.  
Lt. John Brooke aged 19 years old and newly married.**



**As far as I am aware, this incident is the only one recorded which occurred on active service during WW2 that happened in Lilleshall. The crew members came from all parts of the country so consequently their names are not recorded on the Roll of Honour in Lilleshall Church.**

**Perhaps, consideration should be given to a plaque being placed on Lilleshall Hill which overlooks the crash site recording their names and details.**



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# Lilleshall Primary School



**THE CHILDREN AT  
LILLESBALL PRIMARY  
SCHOOL HAVE BEEN  
WORKING HARD ON THEIR  
DIFFERENT COMMITTEES TO  
CONTINUE TO DEVELOP  
ASPECTS OF SCHOOL LIFE IN  
AND BEYOND THE  
CLASSROOM.**

Our School Council is made up of children from Years 1 to 6. We have been elected to represent the views of all pupils and make improvements to our school. We help make decisions as to how the school is run and take on projects which help and support our peers' learning and development. As part of this role, we will also be supporting safeguarding and emotional health and wellbeing in school. We will be encouraging people to talk about their feelings in order for them to feel safe, happy and respected.

# *Lilleshall Primary School*

Our Sports Ambassadors are made up of Year 6 pupils that show a passion for sport as well as the ability to help other children progress in their own skills. Their job is to help lead and facilitate sporting activities and games throughout breaktimes and lunchtimes to allow other pupils to learn and have fun. This year we have signed up to the Play Maker Award which provides the ambassadors with a set of fantastic resources that will help guide them in becoming a brilliant sports leader and provide them with beneficial life skills.

The Eco-Committee jobs is to help the planet by spreading awareness of environmental issues and doing our best to lead change. During this year, they are going to be working towards The Green Flag Award. They have started by completing an Environmental Review of the different areas involved: Biodiversity, Marine, Energy, Litter, Water, Healthy Living, School Grounds, Global Citizenship, Transport and Waste. You can see our Environmental Review on the school web page.

# *Lilleshall Primary School*

Our next step is to decide which topics from the review we will want to work on. We will do this through discussion and a vote to make choices. Once we have decided on the focus areas, we will post updates.

The E-Safety Team help educate their peers, friends and family about how to stay safe online. Everyone in the team feels passionately about what we do and we cannot wait to share our progress with you this year. During November as part of Anti-Bullying Week pupils provided information for pupils on how to manage bullying online and how to stay safe.

# Christmas smile



Lilleshall Primary School are delighted to support Berrin's request to be a collection point for this year's Christmas smile project.

We appreciate times are tough for people at the minute but if you can donate any of the following, we would really appreciate it:

- Brand New Gifts for 0–17-year-olds
- Brand New Gifts for elderly people
- Festive Food Items for Christmas hampers.

More information on this fabulous project can be found at <https://www.christmassmile.org.uk/>

Please ensure any donations are brought into school unwrapped by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2022.

**Let's help to spread some Christmas joy!!**



Thank you for reading Lilleshall Magazine!

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