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It's time to look forward!



Rodington Parish Council has now adopted its revised Parish Plan, setting out the ambitions of the Council for 2020-2030.

This plan will be regularly reviewed and developed as challenges arise and ambitions are achieved. We will be putting together a Parish Plan Working Group in due course and are asking residents in the area to get in touch with us if you feel this is something you would like to be involved with.

To view the Rodington Parish Plan please visit our website at www.rodingtonpc.org.uk and click on **Parish Plan**

Council meetings

Council meetings are currently being held online as we are unable to meet physically. If you wish to take part in the next Council meeting (first Wednesday of the month except August) then contact rodingtonpc@gmail.com or call 07948 324 085

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Village Voice

Your community magazine delivered by Rodington Parish Council

Keep calm and Carry on!

As I write this, daylight hours are getting ever shorter, and we are once again in lockdown, albeit less stringent than in the spring. Thank goodness that in our community, people continue to pull together and look out for one another, and our rural situation gives us space and fresh air not readily available to those in urban areas. And let us not forget that throughout all of this, our 'key' workers and also our farmers have just had to keep going, for the benefit of us all.

But despite the gloom, let's look on the positive side: - new 'welcome' signage has been installed on the approach roads in the Parish, which we have had positive comments about. And having reached our target of 70% of residents signed up to the Smartwater scheme, 'We don't buy Crime' signs have been positioned around the Parish at no cost to us, all of which will help to make us as a community more secure. And in a robustly risk-assessed exercise, new trees and shrubs have been planted (by Councillors, the clerk and volunteers) along the fence perimeter of the cemetery to replace those which had been removed.

As Christmas approaches there is hope that families will be able to meet to celebrate the festive season, and we have positive signs of a vaccine being available soon, to help us resume our community activities. For now, let's keep supporting each other.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you all.

Cllr Anne Fletcher, Vice Chair of Rodington Parish Council

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Covid-19 dedicated support

The Coronavirus outbreak is continuing to have an impact on everyone's daily lives. It may be difficult, but by following guidance on social distancing, or staying at home, you are helping to protect yourself, your family, the NHS and your community, and sometimes we all need a little help... It's good to know help is here if you need it!

Community support line now open

If you are over 70, or under 70 with underlying health conditions, please contact us if you have no friends or family nearby due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. You can call our dedicated Covid-19 line on 01952 382030.

The line is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 1pm. We will keep these times under review and expand if necessary.

Local Viral Kindness Volunteers in our villages

We have local volunteers in Rodington and Longton-upon-Tern who are on hand to help if needed, just contact the Parish Council using the details on the back and we can pass you the details of your most local and available volunteer.



An update on walkways from the Pathways Group

With the lock-down, it is encouraging to see so many members of our community walking again. We are delighted that the Pathways Group has now formed an official partnership with Rodington Parish Council and Telford and Wrekin Borough Council which will bring considerable benefits to our efforts to improve our Rights of Way. We have identified issues with certain routes (R3, R6 and R7) which have become difficult or impassable because of neglect or ploughing, harvesting or planting of crops. We have come to an agreement with landowners that these will be more easily maintained if diverted to the field edge boundaries. The Senior Rights of Way Officer for Telford and Wrekin, with whom we now have regular meetings (some by Zoom) has offered to assist us in applying for these changes and has suggested we apply for the Borough Council to waive their fees as this is for the benefit of the community. Rodington Parish Council have agreed to cover the cost of advertising these proposals. We have also placed our first order for way-markers which Telford and Wrekin will fund. We will make further orders as the work progresses. We intend this will be the model for further improvements in the future.

Meet the Councillor Cllr Mandy Crump



I have lived in Longdon On Tern for nearly 23 years in a house that has been in my husband's family for several generations, so the family has long connections with the village. Part of the house was formerly a Coaching Inn but my husband takes great pleasure in telling people that before it all became one house, part of it was actually a pig sty- something I often say now myself with 3 males in the house. I have two boys who both went to High Ercall School, The Charlton and then Shrewbury Sixth Form college.

After taking A Levels myself I went into retail management and have managed many stores of various sizes. I now work part time and also assist my husband in our family business.

As a family we have been involved in village life in many ways, including doing the local paper round for several years (in fact we often assist local delivery men with our village knowledge), we attend fetes, harvest suppers and many other functions. We have got to know so many people and made some wonderful friends.



Parish gateway signage upgraded

Over the last year the Parish Council has been working with Telford & Wrekin Council to improve the main roadside signage around the Parish.

This new gateway signage has been installed at both entrances of Longdon-upon-Tern (from Telford and High Ercall), entrances to Rodington (from Whittington and Haughmond hill direction) and one along Sugden Lane as you enter Rodington.

We are also looking to improve more signage over the next few months.



Rodington Cemetery improvements

Our continued work to improve Rodington Cemetery has seen us plant some new trees along the new fence line at the entrance of the cemetery.

The new fencing, which was manufactured and installed by James Plant Blacksmiths from Acton Burnell, has made for a much more welcoming and safer look for the site. As part of the works James also took away the original pedestrian gate, sandblasted and powder coated, then finally repainted it to restore to its original glory, it can also be opened and closed safely, something that's not been achievable for a while.



As part of the tree and shrub planting we now boast new three new Acer trees, two Mountain Ash, a Weeping Cherry, two Flowering Cherry and some Cotinus Purple and Sambucas Black Lace. Two of the Acer trees were dedicated to John & Betty Cadwallader and funded by the Cadwallader family.

Helping with planting on the day were Cllrs Currie, Fletcher, Gaskin, Smith and the Clerk to the Council (*socially distanced and following Covid-19*)

Parish People's Awards

This year is the inaugural Parish People's Awards, brought to you by Rodington Parish Council.

We invited everyone in the Parish to nominate their community champions for a chance to be recognised for their selfless actions that have benefited the community for years gone by.

These nominations then get reviewed by Parish Councillors and the award recipients are chosen by a democratic voting process.



And your 2020 winners are...

Individual Category

For their efforts in supporting community events and fundraisers in Longdon-upon-Tern over the years we have given the Individual Award to a resident of Longdon-upon-Tern village. This years recipient has asked to remain unnamed and we respect and understand their wishes.

Organisation Category

For everything that they have done to keep a community building open and accessible to the public for so many years we have awarded the Organisation Award to Rodington Village Hall Committee

Appreciation

We received a number of nominations for the Individual award and while we can only award one person to receive this award each year we still wanted to pay a special thanks to Gill Malpass, James Boffey, Mary Evans and Gabriela La Foley for everything they do to make our community a better place for everyone to be.



Environmental projects on the radar

This year the Parish Council set a budget to deliver new environmental projects in the Parish to include bulb planting and other green friendly ideas to spruce up the two villages. Due to the pandemic causing delays we have not been able to priorities these ambitions, however we remain keen to deliver on some proposals and we welcome members of the Parish to contact us with your ideas of where and what you'd like to see planted or cleaned up.

We are currently working with Telford & Wrekin Council to plant bulbs around the Parish and improve maintenance of other green spaces.

Please contact the Parish Clerk or Cllr Martin Holyoake whose details are on the back of this magazine to offer your suggestions.



Nominate your community hero's

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Mrs Anna Turner JP will be hosting a special Garden Party in June 2021 to celebrate the extraordinary contributions made by individuals within their local communities throughout the Pandemic. Shropshire Lieutenancy are inviting all Town and Parish Councils to nominate their Covid-19 heroes who will then be invited to attend this special event.

Rodington Parish Council invites you to nominate your community hero's to be part of this special event. Nominate someone by contacting the Parish Council.

We Don't Buy Crime in our Parish



As part of the Parish Council's drive to protecting our community, we have recently joined forces with West Mercia Police 'We Don't Buy Crime' team to provide a free SmartWater kit to each home within our parish which you should all have received an opportunity to sign up to by now.

Can I please take this opportunity to re-iterate how important it is to display the **large square window stickers** in a prominent window at the front and rear of your property as the stickers alone act as a huge burglary/theft deterrent.

In a survey* on an evaluation of various home security measures from an offenders perspective, 91% of offenders interviewed stated they were aware of SmartWater and 74% interviewed said they would abandon plans to break in to a building if SmartWater warning labels were on display.

Anything marked can be traced back to your home, allowing the police to identify stolen property and link criminals to crime scenes. Currently the conviction rate is 100%.

Therefore your support with displaying your stickers is really encouraged and appreciated thank you.

If you have not received a kit for any reason please contact Rodington Parish Council to arrange for a free kit to be delivered.

*101 offenders were interviewed in this survey supported by South Yorkshire Police and various security measures for deterrent were evaluated – SmartWater actually scored highest on this report as the most effective security measure/deterrent.

