

HADLEY & LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Hadley, Leegomery, Apley, Horton & Trench Lock!



SPRING
2025

*Hello, and welcome to the
Hadley & Leegomery Parish
Council Newsletter...*

We are pleased to bring you some of the latest news and information from across the parish. We have been busy working on our calendar of events, with a number of dates for your diary including, VE Day, Summer Fete, Coach Trip to the seaside, Halloween Party, Remembrance Parade, Kids Christmas Party, Pantomime and Senior Citizens Christmas Dinners. We also have lots of other great projects to update you on - inside this edition.



Chair of the Council
Cllr Eileen Callear



Vice-Chair
Cllr Amrik Jhawar



Hadley Park Road

Pedestrian Crossings

T&W Highways have planned the delivery of two raised pedestrian crossings on Hadley Park Road, after the issues of speeding were raised by the Borough Ward Members Cllr Eileen Callear and Cllr Amrik Jhawar. The work is currently planned to begin in March/April 2025 and will include raised bed crossings near to the Gurdwara and just along from the Cemetery. Raised pedestrian crossings are used as traffic calming measures and allow pedestrians to cross the road at the same level as the footpath. They are designed to slow down approaching vehicles.



Marlborough Road

Experimental Closure

Following both online and in-person consultations with residents of Etruria Village, T&W Highways are looking to implement an **Experimental closure at the junction of Church Street** - which will see the end of through traffic on the estate for around 12-18 months. Residents opted for this measure, as it will allow them to see what impact a closure would deliver for them, before considering anything more permanent. Further consultation will be carried out during the experimental order.

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Introducing Your

Parish Councillors...

Your Parish Councillors for the wards of Hadley Manor, Hadley Castle, Trench Lock, Apley Castle and Horton are:



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Spotlight on...

Youth Club Provision Approved at Hadley Community Centre...

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council has officially approved the establishment of a new Youth Club Provision at Hadley Community Centre. The decision was made during the full council meeting held on February 4, 2025.

The newly approved Youth Club will be similar to the one currently operating at Leegomery Community Centre, in collaboration with Telford & Wrekin Councils Safer-Stronger and Shropshire Youth Association (SYA). The council expressed strong support for this initiative, and it is anticipated that the Youth Club will commence operations in the near future.

Cllr Eileen Callear, Chair of the Council, commented: "Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council is dedicated to delivering services that significantly impact the young people in our parish. The new Youth Club in Hadley will provide a safe, welcoming space for youngsters to meet, socialise, and acquire new skills, such as cooking. We will keep the community updated as soon as we have a confirmed start date."

Did you know that there are...

Grants Available?

Do you have a great idea that will benefit residents in Hadley & Leegomery Parish?

Community Groups, Schools and Charities are all able to apply for grant funding towards all kinds of projects that benefit local residents, from Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council.

For information on applying for a grant, send an email to: clerk@hadleyleegomery-pc.gov.uk

Grant Application for HLC Primary School Agreed

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council received a grant application at the full council meeting on Tuesday 4th February, from HLC primary School.

The council were delighted to hear from deputy head teacher Samantha Armstrong and three of the children, Lily, Abdul and Lamar from the school, who had come to request a grant for £1000 for a trip to a pantomime. The children talked about the educational benefits of these kinds of trips, and also explained that these were the kinds of experiences that they could really have fun whilst learning.

The council were very impressed with their presentation, and were really pleased that the children came along and put across such a wonderful case, unanimously agreeing to support the grant application.

Grants are available for community projects, and are given under the adopted grants policy (criteria applies).



Full Council Meetings

Full Council Meetings of the Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except August) in Hadley Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend. **Details for all meetings can be found on the website**

Public Session - 7pm - 7.15pm
www.hadleyandleegomery-pc.gov.uk

Contact Jane Lees
The Clerk to the Council
on 01952 245501

or Rebecca Cowie
The Deputy Clerk
on 01952 245501

Spotlight on...

Leegomery Community Centre

The future of Leegomery Community Centre has been secured by Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council are delighted that the Leegomery Community Centre will continue to serve our community under their management, following an extraordinary meeting held on December 17th, where the Parish Council voted to take on the long-term responsibility of running the centre - with just 2 councillors voting against, ensuring that essential services and activities will remain available to the residents of Leegomery, Apley, Horton, and beyond.

Cllr Eileen Callear, Chair of Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council, expressed her enthusiasm: "We are committed to providing the same level of support and services to the people of Leegomery as we do in Hadley. This centre is a vital asset to our community, and we look forward to enhancing its offerings and ensuring its continued success."

The Parish Council is excited to bring more services, events, and stability to the Leegomery Community Centre, driven by the experienced Community Centre Manager who has already demonstrated success in increasing income and improving services at Hadley Community Centre.



Leegomery Community Centre
Leegate Avenue, Telford, TF1 6NA
Telephone: 01952 567670



What's Available at Leegomery Community Centre?

Here are some of the key services and businesses available:

- *Early Milestones Nursery
 - *Citizens Advice Drop-In
 - *Food Bank Collection
 - *Youth Club
 - *Girl Guides
 - *Educational Courses
 - *Community Groups
 - *Counselling Services
 - *Woodlands Café
 - *Conference/Events Hall
- Available for hire for larger meetings, community groups, activities, or private parties
- *Walking for Health
 - *Yoga Classes
 - *Midland Therapy Services
 - *Wonderglaze
 - *Transition Telford Community Garden
 - *Mini First Aid Shropshire
 - *Fauna Raine
 - *VM Therapy
 - *Harvey-Rice Photography Ltd
 - *Fit & Well Massage Therapy
 - *and more!!

The centre is a hub of activity and support, providing a safe and welcoming environment for families and individuals in the community.

Email: ccm@hadleyleegomery-pc.gov.uk
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Follow Us On Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/HadleyLeegomery>

Allotments - Growing Together

Leegomery Allotment Gardens, situated just off Millstream Way, has almost a hundred plots – they are rented out to plot holders on an annual basis.

My experience of being an allotment holder over the last three years has been very positive: it is hugely satisfying watching the things I have planted grow and then being able to harvest and eat them as well as to be able to give produce to friends and family. (It is frustrating when things get eaten by slugs...but that's just part of gardening). I have made some good friends at the allotments, too – there is always something relevant to talk about.

The allotment association is run by a committee made up of plot holders – the committee meets regularly to discuss the running of and issues concerning the allotments.

There is a waiting list for plots to become available, but if you think that you might be interested in renting a plot, please get in touch with Geoff Duce on 079998 22958 (texts only, please) or by email to g.duce@sky.com.

What is the CAT Team?

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council have a Community Action Team, which is often referred to as the CAT team.

The Community Action Team is done via a partnership working agreement with Telford & Wrekin Council which includes a public Realm Team (Gordon & Bogden) who carry out all kinds of work, from trimming hedges to tending to the cemetery, helping to keep the parish tidy, an Environmental Liaison Officer (2.5 days a week) who surveys the area, picking up any issues and getting them resolved quickly, and an Enforcement Team who carry out work around anti-social behaviour, parking issues and fly-tipping/littering. The parish receives a contribution towards this from T&W Council, which gives an enhanced level of services on top of the core contract.



Budget 2025/2026

At the full council meeting on Tuesday, the 7th of January the parish council approved the new budget for the year 25/26. We all know that our community benefits because of the services and amenities we cherish. Unfortunately, the rising cost of goods and services has put immense pressure on ours, and every other councils budgets, and indeed on residents too.

Cllr Jordan Keeble - Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee highlighted some of the increases during the debate. He said: **Costs such as Street-lighting have risen from £33,769 in 2019/20 to £46,169 in 2023/24 (up 36.7%), and predicted to cost £67,000 in the coming year - an increase of 98.4%. Hadley Community Centre utilities have risen from £8024 in 2019/2020 to £13,259 in 2023/24 (up 65.2%) and are predicted to cost £25,000 in 2024/25, a whopping 211.6% rise. Insurance is predicted to rise by 56.3%, Elections up by 135.4% in 2023/24 and another 38.9% in the coming year.**

To continue supporting local democracy and vital services, such as our CAT Team - who help to keep the parish tidy, street lighting, community events and the upkeep of our beloved community centre, and importantly the securing of the Leegomery Community Centre we had to consider raising the parish precept. Understanding the basics of how Local councils work is important. Money comes in from the parish precept, which forms part of the Council Tax. This provides revenue to run the parish services mentioned previously.

The Parish Council has a legal responsibility to return a balanced budget. The budget outlines what money is to be spent on. We cannot 'overspend' on our budget. Our community centres are more than just buildings; they are the heart of our parish. They serve as a gathering place for young and old alike, hosting events, classes, and activities that enrich our lives. Without adequate funding, we risk losing these invaluable resources. By increasing the precept, we can ensure that services are protected, the community centres remain open and continue to serve as a beacon of connection and support.

While the council understands that no one likes to see their bills go up, this modest increase of around 45p per week for a band D property, will make a significant difference. It will help us preserve the amenities and services that make our parish a wonderful place to live. We are now in a position to secure more grant funding and make improvements that will save money and hopefully to come in at the end of the year under budget. Plus we have to look at bolstering council reserves - which were depleted by renovation of the cemetery lodge, vital support during covid and the cost of living crisis.

To find out more about what's on at Hadley or Leegomery Community Centre, enquire about booking a function, or anything else relating to the Community Centres, please contact our Community Centres Manager - Sarah Durnall by emailing: bookings@Hadleyleegomery-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Councils disappointment on the outcome on the GKN Planning Application

Your Parish Council on a number of occasions, unanimously opposed the Planning Application to develop the GKN site (0673) due to the effect it will have on residents, and the wider area.

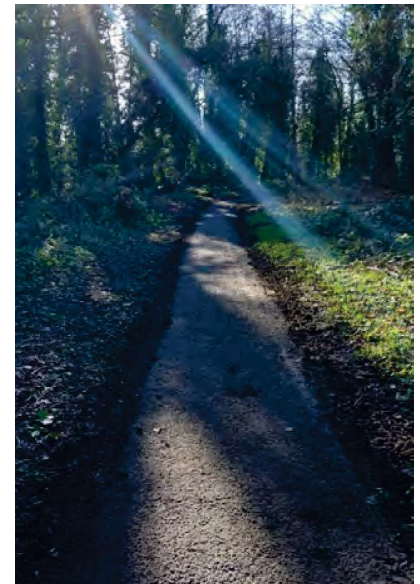
We were disappointed that the application was passed by the Planning Committee at Telford & Wrekin Council by 2 votes, with 1 against and 7 abstentions to allow the development to go ahead.

Your council along with residents continue to work together to meet with the Planners, Applicants, Constructors, End Users, in Liaison meetings to do all we can to monitor, challenge and hold to account any hazards, pollutions, that effect our residents.



New Bleed Kit

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council have installed a new publically accessible bleed kit outside Hadley Community Centre. There are many ways for a catastrophic bleed to occur, such as from a car accident or a work related injury. We believe that having a publically accessible bleeding control pack is vital to provide the necessary first aid to reduce blood loss until professional medical help arrives. We hope we never need to use the kit, but if it is ever needed, it could mean the difference between life and death.



Hurleybrook Path

Work to clean and repair the Hurley Brook path was completed with Cllr Pride Funding from Cllr Callear, Cllr Jhawar and Cllr Kaur. The area has seen a number of improvements with artwork to the bridge, work to the path and all of the amazing work done by The Friends of The Hurley Brook Group. More work to come!



Update from your Hadley & Leegomery Borough Councillors...

Hadley & Leegomery Borough Councillors - Cllr Eileen Callear, Cllr Amrik Jhawar and Cllr Julie Kaur have been working on a number of projects recently, including work to the Hurleybrook Path, and replacement benches near the Locks at the back of Warwick Way. They had a meeting with the Rights of

Way Officer from Telford & Wrekin and have requested repairs under the railway bridge on Hadley Road (that links through to Ketley, the railway bridge near the Nettlefolds that links through to Sankey Drive and also next to the shop on Hadley Park Road.

They have attended meetings with the Police and Safer-Stronger team from T&W Council and are working on a number of ideas including more artwork, wellbeing classes at Leegomery Community Centre and an event around the safety of women and girls. Cllr Pride Funding for 24/25 has now been spent on a number of projects including TAARC Community Garden at the back of Summerhouse Drive, War Memorial rejuvenation, benches, Signage at Leegomery Pools, an event by Kushdil, cleaning of paths, The Big Christmas Give by Homestart, Santas Sleigh with T&W Interfaith, Forget-me-not club, Hurleybrook Path improvements, LCT Food Hubs, Wellington Boxing Academy and more. Hadley Park Road crossings are now ready to be installed. This is just a small selection of the work that is being done!

If you would like to speak to your Borough Councillor then you can visit the monthly ward surgery on the 1st Saturday of each month alternating between Hadley & Leegomery Community Centres, at 10-11am.

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Horton Ward - Cllr Steve Bentley

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The Friends of the Hurley Brook ask for help with reporting pollution...

Marion and Brett from the FOTHB recently gave a great presentation at the meeting of Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council. They are asking for help from anyone who uses the Hurley Brook area in reporting any water pollution issues. **If you see WHITE FOAM, SEWAGE, (WHITE BEIGE SCUM WITH DEBRIS AND ODOUR) or MILKY/BLUE WATER - Please take a photo (noting the date/time) and location** and report it to them on their Facebook page or to the **Environment Agency on 0800 807060 and Severn Trent Water on 0800 7834444**. Your help would be very much appreciated.



Bullying & Harassment

There are still ongoing issues with bullying and harassment of council employees and councillors - particularly on one community page on Social Media. This is in our opinion, down to a very small number of individuals who have some political and personal issues with some staff and councillors at the council. Unfortunately, they are costing YOU money and taking up valuable staff time, which could be spent on making our parish even better.

Officers do not make decisions and have a job to do in implementing the decisions of the Full Council - they are unable to respond to comments.

NO INDIVIDUAL councillor, not even the chair, can make ANY decisions on their own. All decisions are made democratically by councillors ELECTED to do so by residents.

Big events for 2025...

Events Galore Planned for Hadley & Leegomery throughout 2025!

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Events Committee have been busy planning this year's events, with VE Day, our biggest Summer Fete to date, a coach trip to the seaside, Halloween Kids Party, Remembrance Sunday Parade, Pantomime, Kids Christmas Parties and our Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinners!

The 80th anniversary of VE Day will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2025. VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, commemorates the surrender of German forces to the Allied powers at the end of World War II. Details of the event in Hadley on 8th May 2025 will be finalised over the next few weeks, with updates on the council Facebook page.

Our BIG SUMMER FETE will be on 1st June, and is planned to be even bigger than last year's event, which was very popular. There will be bouncy castles, stalls, entertainment and refreshments, and also be an opportunity to find out more about the parish council's work, with our mini consultation in the hall.

Our Kids Halloween Party is planned for 31st October, Remembrance Parade is on Sunday 9th November, Panto returns on 6th December, Kids Christmas Parties on 7th December and Seniors Christmas Dinners on 15th & 16th December. Follow us on Facebook for updates!



SAVE THE DATE

Hadley & Leegomery safer neighbourhood team are working with partners to share an awareness day with the community. The event will bring together organisations partners & agencies that are available for the local community to access.

Further details to follow.



Hadley & Leegomery
North Telford Safer Neighbourhood Team
SA and@westmercia.police.uk



**WEST MERCIA
POLICE**

Saturday 5th April 2025

- **Community Awareness Day**
- **Hadley Parish Community Centre, TF1 5NL**
- **11:00am to 3pm**



**Telford & Wrekin
COUNCIL**



**Safer & Stronger
Communities**

Hadley & Leegomery Parish Council

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Other Useful Contact Numbers:

Telford & Wrekin Council
- 01952 380000

Telford Crisis Support
- 01952 586646

Telford & Wrekin Interfaith
- 07545 023519

Domestic Abuse Drop In
- 01952 454759

Rough Sleeper Out of Hours
- 01952 676500

Wrekin Housing Group
- 01952 217100

Citizens Advice Bureau
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