



Madeley Matters



141st Edition | FEBRUARY 2025

Our Communities of Madeley, Sutton Hill & Woodside

MONDAY 14TH - THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

EASTER Bunny TRAIL

FREE

COLLECT YOUR TRAIL SHEETS FROM
MADELEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY @ THE ANSTICE
OR MRS RUSSELLS SWEETS & TREATS

Find the bunnies in shop windows
around Madeley, complete the trail
sheet and receive an Easter treat from
Mrs Russells Sweets & Treats Shop

Info: 01952 567280 | info@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Madeley High Street Celebration

VE DAY CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY 10TH MAY
10AM-2PM**

SAVE THE DATE



OVER 60S FISH & CHIP LUNCH

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON TO
CELEBRATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE
DAY ON THURSDAY 8 MAY.

DETAILS AVAILABLE SOON.

SAVE THE DATE



FREE
PLEASE TAKE
ONE



Madeley Town Council



Madeley Town Council has 6 passes for the Ironbridge Gorge Museums that our residents who live in Madeley, Sutton Hill & Woodside can borrow. These passes give you one day entry to all the Ironbridge Gorge Museums (excluding events).

All we ask for is a £10 refundable deposit, photo ID & proof of address in Madeley, Sutton Hill & Woodside. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult & under 5's are free.

The Passes must be booked in advance, collected from Jubilee House and returned after your visit to allow other families to use them.

Please email info@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01952 567280 for more information.



Jubilee House

The home of
Madeley Town Council

Open weekdays
9am-4pm



Jubilee House

The home of Madeley Town Council



MON	10-12noon Art Club 1:45-3:30pm Singing
TUE	10-11am Gentle Aerobics
WED	11:30-12:30pm Moving on Exercise 9-12noon Nettlecrafts
THU	10-12noon History Group 1-3pm Friendly Retirement Group
FRI	10-11am Gentle Aerobics

74 High St, Madeley, TF7 5AH
Tel: 01952 567 280
Email: info@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Room Hire Available Weekdays 9am-4pm



Marks room £17 per hour
Meeting Room £11 per hour
McGavin room £11 per hour

Other Services:



Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin
Talking Therapies

**Madeley
Woodside
Sutton Hill**
Credit Union Ltd



Did you know Madeley Town council offer grants of up to £1,000

For Voluntary Groups and Charities who organise community activities in our local area.

These can be used towards:

- The purchasing of equipment
- Running costs of a group
- Hosting special events or celebrations
- Starting costs for new groups
- and much more...



Get in touch
if you want
to find out
more!

Grants will be looked at in the March & September Committee meetings.
Applications by 14 February and 14 August 2025

For more information :

Ring: 01952 567 280

Email: sam@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Or pop into Reception at Jubilee House,
74 High Street Madeley TF7 5AH



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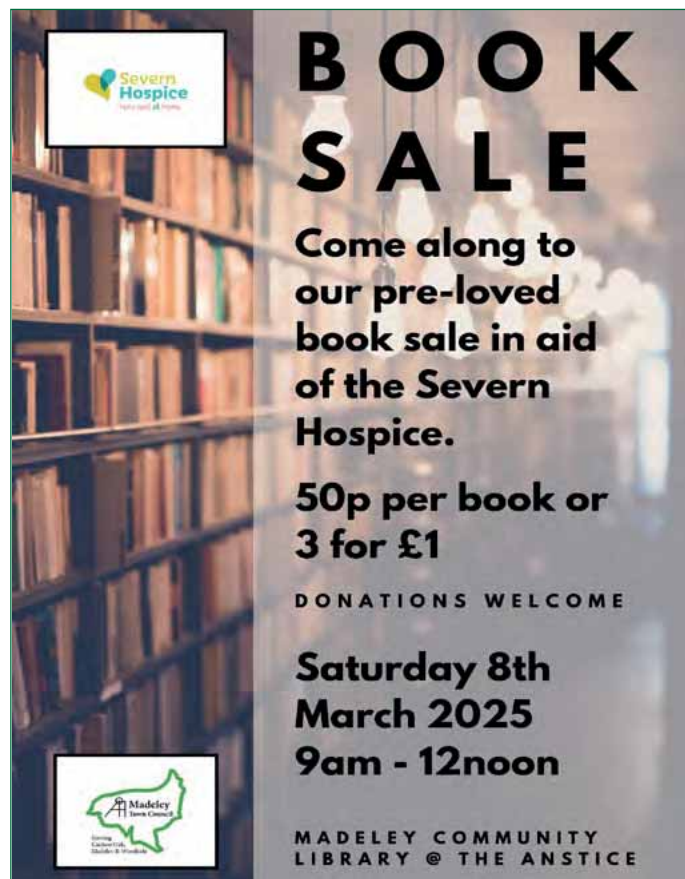
Pre-loved Ball Gowns & Suits

Drop-in and choose your free Prom outfit

18 March 5:30-8:30pm	~ The Guildhall, Newport
31 March 3:30-7:30pm	~ The Wakes, Oakengates
3 April 3:30-8pm	~ Sambrook Centre, Stirchley
5 April 9am-12:30pm	~ Sambrook Centre, Stirchley
10 April 3:30-6:30pm	~ The Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill
17 April 3:30-6:30pm	~ Lightmoor Community Centre
22 April 1-4pm	~ Lawley Community Centre
25 April 12-4pm	~ Arleston Community Centre
1 May 3:30-6:30pm	~ Ketley Community Centre
8 May 3:30-6:30pm	~ Brookside Central
12 May 4-6pm	~ Leegomery Community Centre
13 May 4-6pm	~ Hadley Community Centre
16 May 3:30-6:30pm	~ Turreff Hall, Donnington
23 May 3:30-6:30pm	~ St Georges Primary School
28 May 1-3pm	~ The Park Lane Centre, Woodside
30 May 1-4pm	~ Dawley Town Hall

We are also taking donations of ball gowns, suits, shoes & bags to support this event, please drop off at Jubilee House Madeley

01952 382950 | library@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk





WHAT'S ON

The Hub on the Hill Community Cafe

Opening Hours: 8:30am-4pm

Breakfast 8:30am-12noon

Small breakfast £6

1 Sausage, 1 Bacon, 1 Egg,
1 Hash Brown, Beans,
Tomatoes and 1 Toast
& Tea or Coffee

Large breakfast £9

2 Sausage, 2 Bacon, 2 Eggs,
2 Hash Browns, Mushrooms,
Black Pudding, Beans,
Tomatoes, 2 Toast & Tea or Coffee

Kids breakfast £3

Sausage, Egg, Beans, Hash Brown,
Toast and Juice

Breakfast sandwiches from £3*
Egg or Bacon or Sausage

Breakfast omelette from £3*
Cheese or mushroom or tomato or
ham

Toast with butter from £1*
Jam or marmalade or egg or cheese
or beans

Drinks

Tea, coffee or hot chocolate £1.20
Speciality hot drinks £2.50
Cans / cartons from £1
Squash 50p
Milk 50p

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30pm

Jacket Potato with butter from £3*
Beans or cheese or coleslaw or tuna

Sandwiches / panini's from £2.50*
Cheese or ham or egg or tuna

Kids Meals £3

Fish Fingers or chicken nuggets or
sausage with chips & beans

Daily specials from £3.50

Tuesday - Fish, chips & peas
Wednesday - Pasta & garlic bread
Thursday - Curry & rice
Friday - Roast dinner with pudding (£5)

Cake, tea or coffee 2:30-4pm £2
Variety of homemade cakes



*Add an extra item for £1
Vegetarian and vegan options available

Snacks

Cake £2
Crisps from 50p
Biscuits from £1
Ice-cream from £1



FREE

FRIENDLY SPACE Breakfast Drop-In

For children upto age 16yrs

Drop in to the Hub on the Hill
between 7:45 - 8:30am Tuesday -
Friday for Toast, Cereal & Fruit



*Under 11 years to be accompanied by an adult



FREE FEBRUARY 2025 CREPE MAKING ACTIVITIES

Come and join us for our **FREE** February activities!



**TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
2025**

At 10:30am until 12:00pm



HUB ON THE HILL
Sutton Hill



HAVE A GO USING OUR CREPE MACHINES!

PRE BOOK IS ESSENTIAL! TO BOOK OR FURTHER
INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL INFO@4ALLFOUNDATION.

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Daily specials from £3.50

Tuesday ~ Fish, chips & peas

Wednesday ~ Pasta & garlic bread

Thursday ~ Curry & rice

Friday ~ Roast dinner with pudding (£5)



FREE FEBRUARY 2025 MULTI SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Come and join us for our **FREE** February activities!



**WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
2025**

At 10:30am until 12:00pm



HUB ON THE HILL
Sutton Hill



DODGEBALL | TENNIS | PICKLEBALL | PLUS MORE

PRE BOOK IS ESSENTIAL! TO BOOK OR FURTHER
INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL INFO@4ALLFOUNDATION.

Over the past six months, the 4 All Foundation has made remarkable strides, forging partnerships with five new town councils, launching 20 innovative programs, and welcoming 22 dedicated new volunteers. These milestones reflect our commitment to expanding our reach and creating meaningful impacts in the communities we serve.

4 ALL FOUNDATION REACHES OVER 4,500 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH VITAL PROGRAMMES AND PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS SHROPSHIRE, TELFORD, AND WREKIN

4 All Foundation focuses on creating impactful programmes that reach diverse groups, including families, young people, and adults, in under-resourced communities. From educational initiatives and wellness programmes to youth engagement and family support, the Foundation has delivered essential resources and opportunities that bring people together, build skills, and inspire positive change.

The Foundation's partnerships have been instrumental in expanding its impact, allowing it to bring exciting and relevant programmes to local communities. Recent collaborations aimed at sparking curiosity and learning among young people in deprived areas. Other key initiatives range from digital literacy workshops and health programmes to youth sports and community-building activities.

As it continues to grow, the 4 All Foundation remains focused on providing essential services that promote well-being, resilience, and inclusion. The Foundation is grateful for the ongoing support from its community and partners, whose trust and involvement fuel its work.



SOME PHOTOS OF SOME OF OUR SESSIONS DURING 2024.



A big thank you...

...to Madeley Town Council for hosting 3 of our printer ink recycling boxes.

Find them at:

- Hub on the Hill
- Jubilee House
- Madeley Community Library

Every recycled cartridge helps us raise vital funds for our community programmes

TOP 100 CANDIDATE

We're thrilled to announce that 4 All Foundation has been nominated as one of the Club Hub UK - Kids Activities Top 100 Children's Activity Providers for 2025, proudly sponsored by Club Tech Hero! This recognition highlights our commitment to creating impactful activities that inspire, educate, and engage children across our community.



DONATION BINS



Since March 2024, we proudly launched our donation bins to support community programmes across the county. The response has been incredible, with over 100 items generously donated to date. We are overwhelmed by the kindness and commitment of our community—thank you for making a difference!



AWARDS



Awarded by:



GOOD BUSINESS CHARTER



We're excited to announce that the 4 All Foundation has officially received the prestigious Good Business Charter accreditation!

This recognition highlights our commitment to responsible business practices, from employee well-being to environmental responsibility.



Hub on the Hill
Welcoming Space

Come along for soup & a roll, a warm drink and welcoming company at the Hub on the Hill Warm Space, no need to book...

 **Tuesday to Thursday**
 **2:30 - 4pm**
 **Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill, TF7 4HG**

 Madeley Town Council
Serving
Cockton Old,
Atchley & Woodhouse





YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT
SUTTON HILL
RESIDENTS
MEETING

HAVE YOUR SAY!

- ➔ Discuss local issues
- ➔ Meet your local Councillors & West Mercia Police

JOIN US:

Monday 27th January
Monday 24th February
Monday 31st March
Monday 28th April

6 - 7pm
@ The Hub on the Hill
EVERYONE WELCOME



SUTTON HILL
Youth CLUB

FREE

Tuesday
Wednesday

Junior Club
(School yrs 5-8)
3:30-5pm

Senior Club
(School yrs 9-11)
4:30-6pm

Hub on the Hill Sutton Hill



Welcome to your
'HOW TO...' CAFE

This Month 'How to

Stretch the Budget!

We have a selection of drinks, as well as delicious pastries and snacks. The atmosphere is comfortable and friendly with a toddler play area, making it the perfect place for a chat. This month find out information on how to make your pound go further.

We are open:

Monday 27th January
9.30am-12.30pm at the
COFFEE BAR in
SUTTON HILL CHURCH





Find us at
104 - 106 Southgate,
Sutton Hill, Telford
TF7 4HG

Call us on:
07340 592417
Email:
steph@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

For the latest news & events
follow us on social media
 **@hubonthehillatsuttonhill**

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Shop Local, Spend Local

High Streets Love Local page is extra shop window for businesses



Telford & Wrekin Council has launched a new Facebook page as a go to platform for businesses, community groups and shoppers.

The Telford and Wrekin High Streets Love Local page is a place where local businesses can promote their services and latest offers and customers can check out the best bargains and what's happening on their local high street.

The Facebook page will also provide an opportunity for businesses and shoppers to get involved in local events, use local services and shop at independent retail stores.

Businesses and residents across Telford and Wrekin are all encouraged to use and visit the page which is an online shopping and business community.

Take a look at the Telford and Wrekin High Streets Love Local Facebook page here:
<https://www.telford.gov.uk/twhighstreetslovelocal>

Madeley Market — become part of our local business community



Have you ever dreamed of having your own market stall?

At Madeley Market we're looking for new traders to grow the market and local business community in the heart of the town.

If you're keen to set up a new business, Madeley Market is a great place to start and footwear, pet, toy and clothing stalls are just some of the new traders we're looking for.

The market, based in Russell Square, is open every Tuesday and Saturday from 9am to 2pm and stalls include plants, fruit & veg, Indian food and a swag stall.

Telford & Wrekin Council's Pride in Our High Street programme has already helped many businesses to set up in Madeley and funding is available to any resident in a Telford and Wrekin post-code area.

Through the programme, start-up trial grants of up to £1500 are available to help businesses set up in the market, which offers a great platform for you to test out your business venture first before potentially opening a more permanent high street base.

Madeley Market is at the heart of Madeley and we're proud of it.

So whether you're a resident who hasn't visited before come and see what there is to offer, or alternatively your business could soon become part of a growing and friendly market community.



To find out more, please contact Telford & Wrekin Council's Pride in Our High Street team: prideinourhighstreet@telford.gov.uk

Madeley High Street Heroes

Madeley High Street Heroes awards recognise businesses within the Telford and Wrekin borough which have made a difference to their local high street and communities. The winners are all high street businesses which offer a range of services and they are all nominated by people who use their services and have continued to shop local.

Big Street Little Feet



Dolce Beauty



Salon 72 Hair & Beauty



Yutopia Spa





Bakery & Tearoom in Madeley offering a friendly & welcoming atmosphere for all customers.

Breakfasts and light lunches available for eat in or take away plus grab and go meal deals as well as fresh home made cakes, fresh bread and barista coffees, a selection of teas, and cold drinks!



Monday evenings

5-8pm is craft and chat night, anyone is welcome, just bring along your own crafts and sit to chat with like minded people to share ideas, enjoy other's company and even have your tea if you like..... full menu is available.

Wednesday is parents morning 9-12

Come along with your friends and children, buy a hot drink and your child gets a free slice of toast and cup of squash. Colouring activities and board games will be set out for the little ones.

Friday is big bakery Friday!

With the cake counter stacked full to the brim of cakes but also offering a HUGE selection of artisan breads, including gluten free breads, sourdoughs and stuffed breads

Don't forget we also offer bespoke celebration cakes, traybakes, afternoon teas and treats boxes. Plus buffets for upto 200 people and exclusive hire of the Tearoom for meetings, small parties and get togethers.



**Message or call to order for collection
07821 778712**

Sweet little things telford
 Sweet.littlethings2019

Sweet Little Things Bakery & Tearoom
Unit A2 Madeley Malls, Telford TF7 5BQ
Find us tucked away just past Mrs Russell's Sweet Shop

Looking after the environment

Madeley Community Orchard



When you read this, we hope winter is almost over and you are eagerly awaiting Spring. In the Orchard we have already seen snowdrops and daffodils peeping through the snow, a sign of warmer weather to come. However, the cold, wet months didn't deter our amazing volunteers. There is always something to do in a garden and the Orchard is no exception.

Carl has tamed our willow tunnel into shape and cleared the overgrown hedge on the Church side to give the snowdrops more space.

Phil has been maintaining the Peace Garden and has been working on the Leggs Way end, making a new deadwood hedge. He also looks after the camp fires.

Louise is making great headway clearing the currant bushes on the back wall plus planting out the bed by our newly pruned grapevine which we hope will produce well this year. Tim is a jack-of-all-trades and sharpens, fixes and generally maintains our tools.

Carola, Ruth and their band of helpers, Abbie, Genniva, James and Josh, are keeping the bee borders in order and they always look amazing in Spring and Summer.

James has cleared the wall at the top of the Orchard so our young fruit trees can flourish.

And our long term volunteers, Paul, Neil and Andy have worked on keeping the paths clear of leaves and turning the compost.

The Hazle grove is doing well (keeping the squirrels well fed), and our young Walnut trees are now well established. We have found a helpful tree cutter who delivers our much needed wood chip. We have protected most of our trees and will be putting chips on paths and more open areas. Grass cutting is still a problem but not insolvable as we now have a new mower. We'd just like the Summer to be drier this year!

To conclude, we have new, keen, hard working volunteers who have joined us including a group from Home Farm Trust. The future of the Orchard is looking good and, with Community support, we will continue to welcome all those who visit to enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

**Visit us at the Orchard any
Tuesday morning between 10.00am
and 1.00pm if you have questions
for us.**





Looking after the environment



Happy New Year to all our Friends of Rough Park!

Last year we were able to have help from Rick Shaw [Telford and Wrekin] and volunteers from Fujitsu and Capgemini to plant native species bulbs and survey food sources for our endangered butterflies and it is our firm hope that this year we can take further steps to improve our beautiful woodland and green meadows.

We now have new official information boards which highlight the special animal and plant life we can find in Rough Park - some of which is rare or endangered.

Litter has been an issue on Rough Park this year - it is not only unsightly but also a real danger to wildlife. Animals are curious about anything smelling of food and are likely to cut their faces and paws on broken bottles and ring pull holes in drinks cans, they can also get trapped in plastic wrappers and string. So let's take care to put our rubbish and left-overs in the bins - or better still - take it home!! After our requests IdVerde have agreed to empty over-full waste bins more regularly.

Those of you who brought children to Madeley Town Council's Xmas Lights Switch-on Fair and made Xmas cards from leaf prints - I hope you enjoyed learning a new skill. In the Spring as the new leaves sprout you might like to come and see if you can find the leaf you chose and identify the tree too.

Before the Spring, in the mud or snow, you could try tracking and guessing some of the footprints left by squirrels, deer, foxes, badgers, hedgehogs and various birds. Maybe look in your school library for books on wildlife tracks.

Members of our group have recently started sketching and painting to try and record the beauty of Rough Park through the seasons. This group is for adults and if you're interested in joining us once a week on a Monday at 10am we meet at the children's playpark on The Saplings. Bring your own materials etc. warm clothing and something to sit on. This is for fun and not a teaching class!!! But it's often interesting to meet and find out what others are doing.



Coffee and Biscuits are still available to all who'd like to join us on the last Tuesday of every month for an informal meet up at Madeley Library. We discuss events and park issues you might like to raise.

To keep in touch with us look for frequent up-dates on Facebook and Instagram :

New Friends of Rough Park



Sutton Hill Allotments News

We have had a busy year as a new committee. We have managed to secure grants in order to install CCTV cameras and security lighting, also to make improvements to the communal plot. None of this would be possible without the kind generosity of Telford & Wrekin Council Councillor Derek White as sponsor for the Councillors Pride Fund from Madeley Town Council. Veolia for their Enviro Grant and Redrow Midlands Community Fund.

Our sincere thanks to all the funders who have enabled us to make all these improvements for our gardening community at Sutton Hill Allotments. Also a shout out to Telford Men In Sheds for their sterling work with our new sheds.



A Date For Your Diary

PLANT SALE
10th May 2025
10am - 2pm

Flowers & Vegetable Plants and Plugs





Looking after the environment



CAT team vegetation work undertaken

Kerry & Mark have successfully been carrying out vegetation management on footpaths, parking bays and Madeley Town Council allotments where hedgerows and shrub beds have encroached onto and sometimes blocked footpaths around Madeley, Woodside & Sutton Hill.

The team do this to cover the interim period between the Idverde Winter & Summer prune schedules or where requests from Madeley Town Council have come in.

Their works programme includes checks for encroachment, pruning weeds, litter and detritus, fly tips, public footpaths, access routes around the estates, play areas, open spaces & woodland.



MADEBROOK CLOSE



Before



After

PARK AVENUE



Before



After

SUMMERHILL



Before



After

WARRENSWAY



Before



After

SUTTONHILL ALLOTMENTS



Before



After



Before



After

PARK LANE CENTRE



Adam promoted to team leader for charity that saved his life

A former client has joined the full-time staff at the Woodside charity that saved his life.

Adam Marshall, 45, has taken on the role of team leader at the charity and community interest company A Better Tomorrow which supports people with addiction and substance misuse.

His role puts him in charge of the team dealing with abstinence overseeing ten of the organisation's houses and leading support workers who help clients in their recovery from addiction.

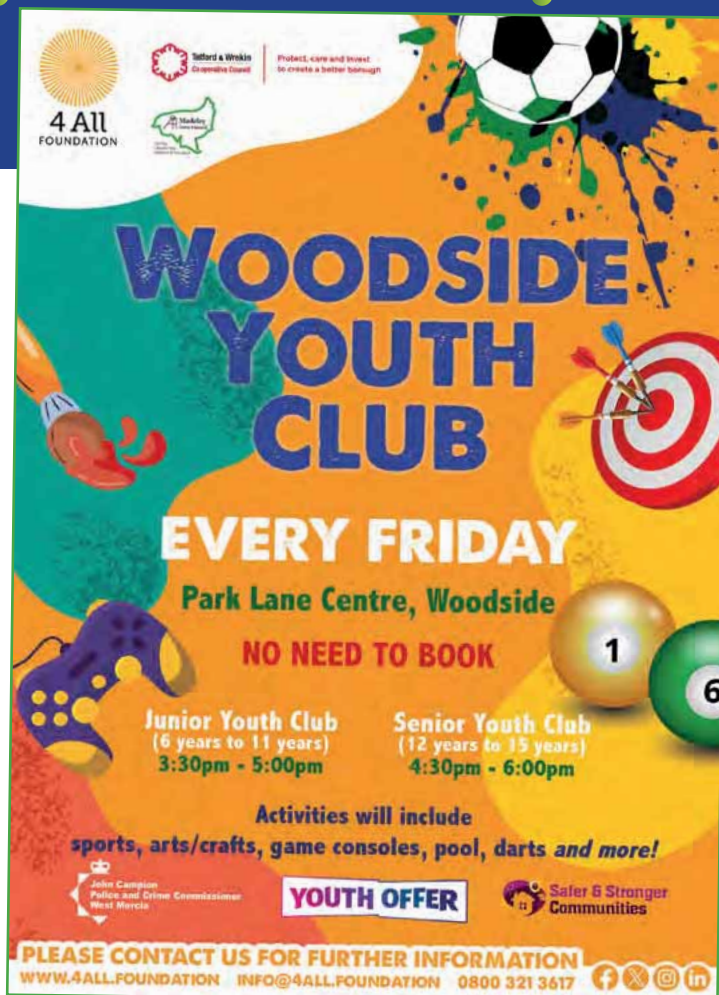
Adam, who lives in Telford, explained that his first involvement with A Better Tomorrow was in 2021 as a client after being addicted to drink and drugs from his early teens.

"When I came to A Better Tomorrow I had ruined every relationship I had ever had, my family wanted nothing to do with me and I was broken. A Better Tomorrow put me on the road to recovery – it saved my life," he said.

Adam started working as a volunteer in 2022 and two years ago took on part-time paid hours until his recent appointment as team leader.

He said his new role involved helping clients to stay on the road to recovery by attending meetings and activities, supporting them through mental health challenges and helping them with benefits and debt relief.

"Becoming a volunteer and later being a paid support worker just felt like the natural thing to do. Others had given their knowledge, patience and tolerance to me and saved my life so it just seemed the right thing to be giving something back.



"Now, to be given the chance to lead that department is a huge privilege and is very humbling. It doesn't feel like work – I just looking forward to going in every day," he said.

A Better Tomorrow was set up in 2014 to give support to people with addiction and substance misuse. It now provides accommodation and services to support over 700 clients and works closely with Telford & Wrekin Council.

Further information on A Better Tomorrow is available at www.abettertomorrow.org.uk

Survivors of domestic abuse urged to help shape Telford services

Survivors of domestic abuse are being given the chance to help shape the future of support services across Telford & Wrekin.

The Lived Experience Advisory Forum (LEAF) has compiled a special online survey to gain feedback from anyone who has been subjected to domestic abuse in the borough and accessed any support service.

LEAF – a joint project between community interest companies A Better Tomorrow of Woodside and Voices Social Enterprise – says it wants as many people as possible to complete the survey to give it the fullest picture.

Tracey Secker, the founder of Voices Social Enterprise, said: "We really want to hear from anyone who has been subjected to domestic abuse and accessed any services to support them in Telford. The more people we hear from, the better we will be able to ensure that when services are planned and developed they are what people actually need and want.

The survey can be accessed at LEAF feedback (Lived Experience Advisory Forum)

LEAF, which is funded by Telford & Wrekin Council, was estab-

lished last year to empower survivors of domestic abuse to use their experience to make suggestions about the Telford & Wrekin domestic abuse strategy and its services, along with other frontline and community organisations and groups.

Courses on domestic abuse awareness are also being staged on January 16, 23 & February 27, whilst training for domestic abuse workplace ambassadors will take place on February 6, 28 and March 13.

For details of the courses visit <https://voices-social-enterprise.co.uk/training/#courses>

Voices Social Enterprise delivers domestic abuse awareness training for organisations and individuals, along with supporting organisations to create domestic abuse policies.

A Better Tomorrow, based in Woodside, Telford, was set up in 2014 to offer supported housing and a recovery programme for people with addiction and substance misuse. Its work has since expanded to include housing and support for those with mental health issues and homeless people, and most recently to provide a refuge for single women fleeing domestic abuse.



Let's talk...wellbeing

Let's talk...menopause

It's hard to put into words how important the Let's talk...menopause group has become to the ladies who join us at our monthly sessions (yes that's right, monthly, so you've still got something you can count on to arrive regularly!).

If you're beginning to notice any one or more of the dozens of perimenopause symptoms that are now listed, why not come to a session and see for yourself the unwavering support on hand from those navigating their own journeys.

Taking place on the second Wednesday of every month, from 7-8pm at the Park Lane Centre in Woodside, sessions are completely free and full of information sharing, chat, laughter, and tea and coffee. We regularly welcome Angela, a holistic menopause coach to the group, and have enjoyed other guests talking about nutrition, skincare and more. We are also excited to be welcoming back on a regular basis the wonderful Elaine, a local nurse practitioner, with decades of experience and a passion for supporting women's health.

If you would like to be part of this wonderful group, just pop along to the next session, or for more information email charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01952 567288. Let's talk...menopause will do you the world of good and is available without prescription!

Let's talk... MENOPAUSE

FREE

**-Friendly, relaxing & fun
-Everyone welcome**

**Let's talk...menopause takes place on the
second Wednesday of every month**

Join us on:

12th February	*9th July
*5th March	14th August
9th April	*10th September
*7th May	8th October
11th June	*12th November
	10th December

***Angela, a menopause holistic coach from Mbrace,
will be joining us at each of these sessions**

**Park Lane Centre
Woodside
7-8pm**

**Complimentary
tea & coffee**

Madeley Town Council
Serving Cuckoo Oak, Madeley & Woodside

For more information about Let's talk...menopause please contact
Charlotte at Madeley Town Council on 01952 567288 or email
charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

**RAMBLERS
WELLBEING WALK
MADELEY**

**START -
11am
OUTSIDE THE ANSTICE**

**FINISH -
WELLBEING MADELEY
COMMUNITY CAFE**

**TAKES PLACE EVERY THURSDAY
EVERYONE WELCOME, JUST TURN UP**

WELLBEING CAFE

**MANY WALKERS LIKE TO STAY AFTER THE WALK FOR A CHAT.
THERE'S A LOVELY, REASONABLY PRICED MENU.
WHY NOT MAKE YOUR WALK EVEN MORE SOCIAL!**

For more information email info@walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk

Madeley Town Council
Serving Cuckoo Oak, Madeley & Woodside

**RAMBLERS
WELLBEING
WALKS**
Telford and Wrekin

CVS
Inspiring
Telford and Wrekin

Walk for your wellbeing

Did you know that Madeley now has its own Ramblers Wellbeing Walk? Madeley Town Council, working in partnership with Telford & Wrekin CVS and the Ramblers, were able to introduce the new walk in September and it is proving to be rather popular with local residents.

The walk takes place every Thursday, meeting outside the front of The Anstice at 11am. You'll be met by your trained volunteer walk leader who will guide you on a local walk for approximately an hour. You don't need to have the speed and fitness of Mo Farah to take part, just the ability to walk up to two and a half miles in an hour.

The walks are designed to be an opportunity to take in your local surroundings, enjoy being outside in the fresh air whatever the weather, and perhaps chat to others who are also taking part. It's a great opportunity to work on improving your wellbeing.

Our regular walk leader, Dilys, even incorporates local history sights into some of the walks, creating talking points among the group, whether walkers are local and know the area well, or less local and keen to see what "old" Madeley was.

With an important part of the walk being about bringing people together, the chat can and does always continue once the walk ends. The Wellbeing Walk always finishes at the Madeley Wellbeing Community Café, so you are well placed for a cuppa and maybe even a treat. It has become a regular habit for many of the walkers to relax afterwards, and the lovely menu on offer and reasonable prices make it even more worthwhile.

Why not come along and give it a try? There's no need to book, just be at the front of the Anstice by 11am on a Thursday.

You might even want to consider becoming a walk leader yourself after you've tried it yourself. Either way, as a walker or potential walk leader, if you have any questions please ask them on the walk or email info@walkingforhealthtelfordandwrekin.org.uk



Wellbeing...



The Live Well Community Hub will be celebrating its first birthday in April, and since it began local residents have been receiving help to improve their health and wellbeing in many ways.

Our core services join us every week and include:

- Healthy Lifestyles advisor
- Blood pressure checking
- Telford Mind Social Prescriber
- Telford & Wrekin CVS
- Independent Living Centre

In addition to our core services, we welcome other great services into the Community Hub that can also offer relevant information, advice and support on a wide range of subjects, that again can help towards improving health and wellbeing.

Please check out the schedule of services that will be joining us in addition to core services up until the end of April. The schedule includes the rota of services from our core partner, Telford & Wrekin CVS, who have a number of important services available for residents. The services may be subject to change, and additional services may be added when available.

All services are available on a drop-in basis so there is no need for an appointment, just come along and see the services you need, and maybe even those you didn't know you needed to see.

If you're not sure what you can come in and see our services about, check out the directory of services in this edition of Madeley Matters, giving information for all those joining us until the end of April.

If you have any questions about the Live Well Community Hub, or you are part of an organisation that you think could offer some relevant advice and support to the local community, please contact charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01952 567288.



Come and speak with a range of providers offering guidance on personal health, wellbeing, care requirements and more.

Every Wednesday, 10am - 1pm at Madeley Community Library in the Anstice

You will find a welcoming space to talk about your needs and concerns, and enjoy a tea or coffee.

Weekly services include:

Blood pressure checking
 Healthy Lifestyles
 Independent Living Centre
 Telford Mind Social Prescribers
 Telford & Wrekin CVS
 plus...regular guest services

Helping to give you the tools and knowledge necessary to make small, yet impactful, changes to your life.



For more information about the Let's talk Live Well Community Hub and the service providers attending email charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01952 567288

Schedule of Services

5 February

CVS – Telford Autism Hub
 Age UK
 Telford Crisis Support
 Community Resource – Buddy system

12 February

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 Citizen's Advice
 Smallwoods
 Learn Telford

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2 April

CVS – Telford Autism Hub
 Telford & Wrekin Council Planning Surgery

9 April

CVS – Service to be confirmed
 Citizen's Advice
 Liveline Cancer Awareness
 Community Resource – Buddy System

16 April

CVS – Service to be confirmed

23 April

CVS – Service to be confirmed
 Citizen's Advice

30 April

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Directory of services



Blood Pressure Checking – Weekly service with trained volunteers able to check your blood pressure and advise you of next steps if your numbers show concern.

Healthy Lifestyles – Weekly service offering information, advice and support whether you want to eat better, drink less, exercise more, reduce your weight, stop smoking, or lower your blood pressure, cholesterol or risk of developing type two diabetes.

Social Prescribers – Weekly service. Social prescribers are embedded within local GP surgeries alongside GPs and other practice staff aiming to connect you to community services and activities that support your health and wellbeing using a therapeutic approach, as well as providing practical, helpful and non-judgemental support.

Independent Living Centre – The Independent Living Centre offers both preventative and responsive support to individuals to enable them and their families to live well and safe in their community, potentially remaining independent in their own homes for longer.

People can come along to receive support around daily living as well as access the wide-ranging information, advice and sign-posting the centre offer. As well as receiving advice and support you'll be able to see and try a number of "gadgets" that can make independent living a reality.

Telford & Wrekin CVS – Weekly service, but with focus on different service areas each week

SENDIASS - Telford and Wrekin SENDIASS service provides access to impartial and independent information about Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), health and social care for children, young people and their parents and carers.

We can give you information in relation to SEND law to enable you to participate in and make informed decisions regarding your child's education, as well as supporting you to prepare for meetings, explaining and understanding reports, listening to your views and concerns and ultimately work to build positive outcomes.

Young Carers – The Young Carers Service provides advice and support for all young carers in Telford from age 5 to 18 offering one-to-one support, term-time Youth Club, holiday and half term activities, trips and events, school drop-ins information and advice for the whole family and more.

If you think you're a young carer or you know a child or young person who is caring, come along and speak to us for more information and advice.

Carers Team - The Carers Team support and enable unpaid family carers, over the age of 18, to improve their quality of life and to be more confident and able in their caring role. The team can provide listening ear and give support when it is needed most, help access available support and services, create opportunities to have a voice in the planning and development of services, access appropriate financial support, provide up to date information, and access support groups that provide an opportunity to socialise and take a break from their caring role, share information, gain support and discuss topics of interest with carers in similar situations. If you, or someone you know is an adult carer, come and have a chat.

Telford Autism Hub – Come and speak to us about all aspects of adult autism including understanding more about autism, support to find out if you are autistic, how to access other help and support, as well as opportunities to meet and socialise with others and support to become more confident and independent.

Telford Children's Autism Hub - Whether your child has just received a diagnosis, or you are looking for information to help your child flourish our team are here to offer you guidance and support. Our Children's Autism Hub is open to all children

and young people aged 0-18, and their families, who have a diagnosis of Autism.

To access our Children's Autism Hub you need to be a resident of Telford and Wrekin.

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) – Come along and chat to an advisor if you're looking to make your money go further, are unsure if you might be entitled to benefits, or think you might be paying too much for you gas and electricity. We will have access to advice and bookings on the day.

Telford Crisis Support – Many individuals are now finding themselves in crisis for a number of reasons. Telford Crisis Support is here to help with a wide range of emergencies, including food, school uniform, winter coats and shoes, providing for the needs of babies and toddlers, advice on money worries and providing link worker support. If you, or someone you know, are struggling, come in and see how Telford Crisis Support can help.

Livelif Cancer Awareness - Through direct contact with people of all ages the LiveLife Cancer Awareness Service works to break down some of the barriers people may have in talking about cancer. Raising awareness of the importance of early diagnosis and signs & symptoms, providing free, evidence based, high quality information and resources. Come in and find out about the different cancer screenings available and what signs and symptoms you should be looking out for.

Learn Telford – Learn Telford aims to widen the participation so as many sections of the community as possible can experience the joy and wider benefits that taking part in learning can bring, such as improved confidence and wellbeing, reduced social isolation and much more. The service also aims to support adults to improve their skills and therefore increase their chance of employment and progression.

Admiral Nurses – Dementia UK - Admiral nurses support families living with dementia. When things get challenging Admiral Nurses work alongside you to give expert advice, one to one support and practical solutions that families need that can be hard to find elsewhere, helping them live more positively with dementia. Admiral Nurses are continually trained, developed and supported by Dementia UK.

Nurse – Court Street Medical Practice – Nurses will participate with the blood pressure checking and seek to keep patients informed about services available, such as appropriate screenings for their age group, as well as asking patients about their general health in order to recommend making appointments or seeking more support.

Age UK – Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin is an independent local charity with over 50 dedicated staff and more than 400 volunteers helping to deliver services and activities for older people in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. Find out more about local services which can help you or a family member, or how you can get involved to help people in your area.

Community Resource – Buddy System – The Buddy System pairs a volunteer with someone who feels isolated and alone, supporting them to take part in local activities, make new friends and get more active. The support from a Buddy will enable participants to take a crucial first step to take part in something new. That encouragement and motivation will help reduce isolation and boost confidence and self-esteem.

Could you offer encouragement and motivation to help someone become more involved in the local community? Or do you know someone who may need a Buddy and want to know how to get them referred? Pop in and speak to Community Resource.

Smallwoods – Smallwoods Association (SWA) aims to promote sustainable management of woodlands, for benefits now and into the future. Projects include Build a Bench, Wellbeing in Nature sessions, Into the Woods and Woodland Biodiversity projects.



Directory of services



Projects are aimed at different groups, including veterans and those referred through green social prescribing, and aim to improve the health and wellbeing of participants.

Rev. Andy Ackroyd – St. Michael's Church – Whether you are part of the local church or not, everyone is welcome to come and speak to Reverend Ackroyd for advice and support. You may also wish to offer your help to get involved with the community through the work that the church does. However you wish to support or be supported, do come and have a chat.

INDOOR “CAR BOOT” SALES 2025

Our first indoor car boot sale back in October was a great success, and Madeley Town Council is pleased to announce four more have been scheduled for 2025.

We want to give you the opportunity to make a little extra cash to help with the ever-increasing cost of living, while also having the chance for a good clear out at home. It's surprising how tackling the decluttering at home can actually help to declutter the mind and even improve our wellbeing; yes, all that from the humble car boot sale!

For those coming along to browse and buy, it's equally as rewarding, with the chance to save money compared to buying new, and potentially saving perfectly good items going to waste.

So, this year we are holding four sales, three in Sutton Hill and one in Madeley. Tables will once again be free as we want you to benefit as much as possible.

A small number of charity/trade stall spaces may be available for a small charge at the Sutton Hill events. Please check when bookings open.


We will accept bookings ONE MONTH BEFORE each event by email to charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or phone on 01952 567288. As we approach each event, if the weather is looking fine, we shall also try to offer outdoor traditional car boot spaces.

**All events will take place from 10am-12noon,
with set-up from 9am.**

Indoor*

“CAR BOOT SALE”

*weather permitting, we may also be able to offer outdoor spaces with your car at some of our events.



Save the dates - 2025

Saturday 15 March - Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill

Saturday 10 May - Jubilee House, Madeley

Saturday 13 September - Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill

Saturday 15 November - Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill

All events will take place from 10am-12noon with set up from 9am

Spaces are available for free on a first come, first served basis, and can be booked from ONE MONTH BEFORE each event only.

To book, please email charlotte@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01952 567288.

Our Community...

IRONBRIDGE LIONS



Christmas in Madeley

Ironbridge Lions were very active in Madeley over the 2024 Christmas Period and would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to everyone for their help, support and generosity.

Just before Christmas we were able to deliver, through a dozen agencies, some 480 food parcels to those who find themselves in food crisis at Christmas. A significant portion of the food we collect is from the Lees Farm area of Madeley.

We were delighted to be invited once again to participate in the Madeley Christmas Family Market. We took along our Teddy Tombola, our busy Elves helped Santa in his Grotto before taking part in the Grand Parade and Christmas Lights switch on. It was a terrific day as always and much loved by adults and children alike.

To finish our Christmas celebration, we managed to persuade Santa to bring his sleigh to Tesco Madeley, where over two days he and his Elves met with hundreds of children and plenty of adults for a photo and a chat.

Over the course of a year Ironbridge Lions make £000's of pounds of donations to individuals, families and small charities and the donations made by local residents at Christmas, every penny of which is used for charitable purposes, make a real difference... Thank You Madeley



Looking ahead to 2025

If we look ahead to our first major event of the new year, the focus remains on Madeley – and more specifically on the Abraham Darby Academy which is, once again, very generously hosting our prostate screening event on 8th March.

Prostate Cancer is the most common cancer among men. One in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime but a cancer diagnosis need not be a death sentence – almost 80% of all men diagnosed with prostate cancer will survive for 10 years or more. As with all cancers, prospects are improved significantly with early diagnosis. So, if you are over 40 and you have not had a recent prostate cancer test, why not book an appointment for our session on 8th March. It is a very simple blood test which will take up about 15 minutes of your Saturday afternoon.

To book, just go to <https://mypsatestests.org.uk>, register or sign in if already registered, then scroll down to our session on 8th March. If you have any problems making a booking, Lion Colin Thompson (cthompson@bcs.org.uk or 07970 417497) will be happy to assist)

Our Community...

Royal British Legion Madeley Branch: A Year of Progress and Community Spirit

As we look back over the past year, the Royal British Legion (RBL) Madeley Branch has experienced a period of significant transformation, thanks to the support and efforts of our local community. Following a series of meetings initiated by Madeley Town Council, the vision to reform the Madeley Branch began to take shape. These meetings provided a platform for discussing how we could revitalise the branch and create a vibrant space for veterans, serving personnel, and the wider community to come together.

With the leadership in place – a new Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and committee members – the only remaining task was to find a place to call home. I had the pleasure of meeting with the Vice Chairman of Madeley Cricket Club to explore the possibility of using their venue. Thankfully, they were incredibly accommodating, and for the past 12 months, we have been meeting there on the last Friday of each month at 7:15 PM. The Cricket Club's generosity has made a huge difference in allowing us to keep the branch moving forward.

In the last year, the branch has been actively involved in various community events, helping us raise awareness and support for the work of the Royal British Legion. Highlights include:

- **The 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings:** We held a small, intimate service at the Madeley Cenotaph to mark this historic occasion and had a tabletop at the street celebration organized by Madeley Town Council. There, we raised funds through a tombola and sold poppies for the annual Poppy Appeal.
- **Remembrance Sunday:** We played a key role in arranging a bagpiper Stuart Mileham for the Remembrance Sunday parade, followed by a wonderful event at The Anstice, which included cakes, hot drinks, entertainment, and bar. It was heart warming to see so many come together to honour those who served.
- **Madeley Christmas Lights Switch-On:** We set up a tabletop at the festive event, engaging with the community and raising further funds for our cause.

Royal British Legion Madeley Branch



Volunteer Opportunity:

Secretary for the Royal British Legion Madeley Branch

Are you organized, detail-oriented, and passionate about supporting your local community? The Royal British Legion Madeley Branch is looking for a volunteer secretary to join our team!

This vital role involves:

- Taking minutes during meetings and writing them up for distribution.
- Forwarding emails and communications from the Chairman to our members.
- Assisting with general administrative tasks to ensure smooth operations.

By volunteering, you'll be playing a key part in helping us continue our important work supporting veterans, their families, and our local community.

If you're interested or would like more information, please message us here or email Madeley.chairman@rbl.community. Your time and skills can make a real difference—join us today!

Please Share!!

**#RoyalBritishLegion #VolunteerOpportunity
#CommunitySupport #Madeley**

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue our momentum and are currently planning a fundraising family day. Additionally, we are aiming to take a more active role in organizing the Remembrance Sunday parade and are exploring ways to recruit more members, so we can further support veterans, serving personnel, and their families.

Unfortunately, our Secretary has had to stand down, and we are now actively seeking someone to fill this important role. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via email at Madeley.Chairman@RBL.Community.

Our monthly meetings are held every last Friday at 7:15 PM at Madeley Cricket Club, and we warmly invite everyone to come along and support the work of the branch. Whether you're a veteran, a family member, or simply someone who wants to help, you are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours sincerely,
Chairman, RBL Madeley Branch

Hi, I'm David from Learn Telford and my role is to support residents of Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside with employment and learning opportunities.

Learn Telford run a wide range of courses in the local community at venues including Jubilee House, Park Lane Centre and the Hub on the Hill, which includes English and Maths for adults, craft, cookery, ICT, wellbeing and much more. Visit our website at <https://www.learntelford.ac.uk/> to see what courses we're running locally.

I also run the following drop-in sessions each month where I give advice on local courses and employment support - pop in and have a chat and see if I can help.

**You can also contact me on
07528 979376 or at david.craig@telford.gov.uk**



learn telford

Hub on the Hill

1st Tuesday
of each month between
10.00-12.00

Park Lane Centre

1st Thursday
of each month between
10.00-12.00

Madeley Library

1st Friday
of each month between
10.00-12.00

www.learntelford.ac.uk



Our Community...

PROM Pop-Up



We are now taking donations of pre-loved & new ballgowns, suits, shoes & bags for our Prom Pop-Up Events across Telford.

Prom pop-up gives young people the opportunity to choose a free outfit to wear to their Prom.

If you are able to donate please drop them off at Jubilee House Madeley.

Thank You

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£3.50

Upcoming sessions
3pm-4.30pm



**Treat Friday!
Every Friday!**

We will have crafts to get creative, enjoy and take home. Then supper will be served. Our menu, hot drinks and cakes also available. We aim to take the after school pressure away from parents and carers. Everyone is welcome whether your children are 2 years old or 16! Drop in any time up until 3.30 to give you enough time to create and eat!

Friday 17th January- Bubble Painting and spaghetti bolognese

Friday 24th January- Tie-dye T-shirts and make your own pizza

Friday 31st January- Slime and Chicken nugget Wraps with veg sticks

Friday 7th February- Hand print valentines cards and buffet with valentines cupcakes

Friday 21st February- Make your own garden chime and chicken, mash, peas, beans or carrots.

Please email or Facebook message to book-
molly.brookes@tandwcvcs.org.uk

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COMMUNITY
RESOURCE

Can you spare the time to:

volunteer?



- Would you like to volunteer?
- Would you like to help someone who is isolated become more active and involved in their community?
- Could you accompany someone to a new activity?

If the answer is YES, then you could be a 'Buddy' and we would really like to hear from you!

Contact us to find out more:

Call 01743 360641 or

Email enquiries@community-resource.org.uk

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Many of us would like to be more active but the idea of turning up at an activity such as an exercise class on our own can be very daunting.

As a Buddy you could:

- Help someone who feels isolated and alone to participate in local activities, make new friends and get more active.
- Provide support that enables someone to take that crucial first step to take part in something new.
- Offer encouragement and motivation to get someone involved in the local community, thereby reducing isolation and helping to boost their confidence and self-esteem.

Volunteers will receive appropriate training and undertake a DBS check. There are no set criteria for the amount of time you need to give with flexible opportunities available.

All travel expenses are reimbursed.



About us

Community Resource is a charity that is committed to making life better for people and communities facing challenges in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.

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GOOD NEWS AT ST. MICHAEL'S MADELEY

It is three months since I (Rev Andy Ackroyd) moved into Madeley, and what a joy those three months have been. As a family we love this town, feel settled here, love the vibrancy of the wider community, and of course feel welcomed by the worshipping community of St. Michael's. Just in case you haven't met us – Jacob with Daisy, Sandra waiting for her dinner, me at Edgbaston and Shrewsbury Abbey and more eating out!

When you move to a new church ministry role, you are never 100% certain what that will look like. I am delighted to say that I have found a diverse church community that is warm and welcoming, that is brilliant at food and hospitality, that loves its wider community, wants to be active within that community and thinks there is Good News in a world that is complex.

Beyond the church community I have been bowled over by the wider community. I have been impressed with John Fletcher and John Randell School, the food and staff at the Anstice are amazing – they even do 'spotted Richard' – for a Yorkshireman that is great. We have wonderful council staff who are passionate and hospitable, a history group that have sorted the 'nine men of Madeley plaque', and a real sense of community.

As a Father of a 19 year old with a Learning Disability (LD), I am heartened by the prominence of the LD community in Madeley. It's amazing to see the Well-being café on the high street being run by adults with various additional needs. The church also runs a weekly ROC café for those who are vulnerable in our community. All Good News.

I am new here, but I am heartened to live in a place with a sense of community and real identity. This is good news to me. The passion and warmth of the Church community is also good news to me. I am equally heartened that as a church community I sense we want to be Good News for our town and bring 'Value Added' to it.

Please do come and say 'hello' to me as I spend time around our community or do come and join us on a Sunday at 10.30am. We appreciate that for many, Sunday is no longer a good day – so do watch this space as we develop the things we offer the people of Madeley. We genuinely want to be a church for ALL our wider community. We won't always get it right, but do tell how we can better serve you here in this great town.



MADELEY CRICKET CLUB

2024 has been a year of huge progress for our Junior teams at Madeley Cricket Club.

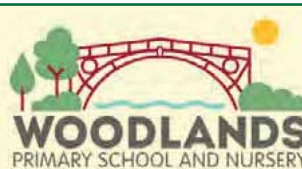
We completed 2023 having just 2 junior teams & have now moved to completing 2024 with 3 full junior teams, weekly softball sessions with up to 45 children taking part throughout all weeks, dynamos and all star session and 20 children taking part in indoor softball sessions throughout the winter.

For the first time ever, we will be holding indoor training from January to April for our junior hardball teams and would love to see some new faces join us & love the sport the way we do!

We are also seeking interest start our own junior girls team for the first time ever!



If you're interested in trying cricket for the first time you can reach out to us on Facebook / Instagram via direct message or commenting on our posts or emailing madeleycricketclub1855@gmail.com



This week, the staff and children at Woodlands Primary School were delighted to welcome Pastor Linford, his wife Joy and two volunteers from NTCG Telford Church into school. The Pastor held a short assembly, reminding everyone of The Christmas Story and then distributed Christmas gifts the church have kindly donated, to every child in school!! Staff, parents and children alike were incredibly thankful for their kindness and generosity; it was clear that children will really enjoy their wonderful gifts.

Pastor Linford, the NTCG Telford church and their vision for greater community connection has inspired them to run the 'Big Give' project again next year. In 2023, they were able to give gifts to almost 500 children, partnering with ShortWood Primary school. This year saw two schools, and all of their children, receiving gifts, including Woodlands. They hope to be partnering with more schools for the Big Give Initiative 2025! The presents have all been purchased through the generous donations of church members, family and friends and those at ShortWood primary who were involved last year.



Our Community...

Spring is on its way and there's lots to entertain the kids during school holidays at Ironbridge Valley of Invention.

During half term, from Saturday 15 to Sunday 23 February, three of the Ironbridge museums will be hosting special activities for kids. There will be live cooking demonstrations with Victorian food at Blists Hill Victorian Town, hands-on science experiments exploring the amazing things you can do with everyday ingredients like chocolate at Enginuity, and the chance to create realistic-looking food items from air dry clay at Coalport China Museum.



Easter trail at Blists Hill Victorian Town



Blists Hill staff prepare for Victorian Food Week event

During the Easter holidays, from Saturday 5 to Sunday 27 April, children can take Easter trails at Blists Hill, design a car for the Easter bunny at Enginuity or make bunnies from air dry clay at Coalport China Museum.

Remember that with the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust's PASS or PASS PLUS you get unlimited access to these three museums and more for a whole year. (Additional charges apply for some activities.) Go to ironbridge.org.uk to find out more.

At Blists Hill, work is currently underway to create a Sunflower Room, a space where diverse groups, including people with SEND or mental and physical health conditions, can find privacy and quiet during their visit. At the end of last year, the staff at the local Co-op branch in Ironbridge chose the Sunflower Room as one of the causes Co-op's members will support in the year to October 2025. If you are a Co-op member, you can help raise money for this local project by selecting it on your Co-op app or online at membership.coop.co.uk/causes/91234

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OPENING HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY : 9:30AM - 4PM

OUR VOLUNTEERS



You've got a friend in us

Wellbeing Madeley Community Café is a not for profit safe space for people to come and access information, advice and guidance. When you join us at the café there is someone here with a friendly face ready for a chat.

We have charging points and WiFi for anyone needing to use it.

We serve yummy food, made with love by our amazing volunteers and team. When you eat and drink with us you are helping our team to grow in skills, confidence and experience.



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You can find us at 32 High Street, Madeley TF7 5AR • 01952 916033 • Email: communitycafe@tandwcvcs.org.uk

Wrekin and Housing Plus Group merger completed

The Wrekin Housing Group and Housing Plus Group have merged, becoming one of the largest social housing providers in the West Midlands.

The new Housing Plus Group has pledged to continue to work with and listen to customers, after 3,500 people responded to the merger consultation. It plans to invest an additional £55 million in existing homes and will be a key developer of new homes over the next 5 years.

Customers are also being reassured that the merger will not affect the services they currently receive. It will also not affect rent or service charges – which are set in line with government guidance.

While the merger is now complete, there is still a lot of work to do to bring services together, so, for now, 'The Wrekin Housing Group' will continue to be used as a trading name. The group will continue to keep customers updated.

If you would like to have your say and help shape what the new Housing Plus Group looks like, call 01952 217100, or email getinvolved@wrekin.com

Breakfast club still going strong

A retirement living scheme in Madeley is opening its doors to local people in need of a warm space and companionship this winter.

Run by The Wrekin Housing Group, the Bridle Breakfast Club meets on Monday mornings, offering a breakfast and a shared sense of community for older people facing loneliness and the challenge of rising fuel prices.

Every two weeks, guests at Bridle Court can enjoy a hot bap, a warm drink, a quiz and a friendly game or two, while connecting with others in a welcoming space. The sessions are organised by Katrina Pooler, activities coordinator for The Wrekin Housing Group, and supported by volunteers.

Katrina said: "We're thrilled to keep the Bridle Breakfast Club going. What began last winter has become a close-knit group, open to anyone who wants to come along. For some, it's the only hot meal or company they'll have all day. Winter can be isolating and this is a way we can reach out to each other and share a little warmth."



Bridle Breakfast Club

The Bridle Breakfast Club runs every other Monday from 10am to 12 noon. From April it will continue on a monthly basis. Everyone is welcome, with a small fee for food and games. For more information, please contact Katrina Pooler on 01952 217371 or katrina.pooler@wrekin.com

Hygiene products available at Stirchley Hub

The Wrekin Housing Group has partnered with The Hygiene Bank in Telford to offer free personal hygiene products to those who are struggling to afford them.

Toiletries, feminine hygiene and baby products are now available to those in need from Wrekin's hub in Grange Avenue, Stirchley. Anyone can access this free service – not just Wrekin customers.

Deb Morrison, Wrekin's Financial Inclusion Manager, said: "Access to hygiene products should never be a barrier to living with dignity.

"By working with The Hygiene Bank, we're making it easier for people to access these products and reduce the stigma often associated with asking for help."

You can make an appointment with your local housing team or drop in to the Stirchley Hub during its opening hours – 9am to 1pm on Mondays and Tuesdays.



Simon Lellow, co-ordinator of the Hygiene Bank in Telford, and Deb Morrison, Wrekin's Financial Inclusion



Halesfield Day Nursery having fun at Forest School.

Last month, the staff and children at Halesfield Day Nursery had a fantastic time on their annual visit to Wrekin Forest School. The preschoolers embarked on an exciting adventure, where they explored muddy puddles, swung on rope swings, and zipped down zip lines, among many other fun activities. They thoroughly enjoyed getting messy and discovering the natural surroundings together.

This kind of outdoor learning is wonderful for the children, giving them the freedom to explore and connect with nature firsthand. They also had the delightful experience of making their own bread and cooking it over the campfire. We love offering these kinds of outdoor learning opportunities to children, it really does help them develop holistically and helps them to enjoy being outdoors more. Thank you to all the staff for making it happen and to the wonderful Judi and Hannah at Wrekin Forest school who made the day so much fun.





ROTARY CLUB OF IRONBRIDGE - Spring 2025

The Christmas season was as busy as ever for Ironbridge Rotarians. We started early with switching on the Telford Tree of Light in November.

This annual event, run by all four of the Rotary clubs in Telford, was as successful as ever, and although final figures have yet to be confirmed we are on course for donating a further £20,000 to Severn Hospice as well as substantial sums to other local charities. We never cease to be amazed at how generous Telford people are when supporting causes close to their hearts and we are constantly being made aware of how many people have been touched by the hospice either as a patient or a relative.

Members of the club at our stall at Madeley Lights switch-on where we joined in the celebrations, while again raising funds for local good causes. Another Madeley appearance was our store collection at Tesco when, again, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of Madeley.

Once again, we were extremely busy at our Christmas wrapping stall at Telford Centre during the week before Christmas. This I always a fun event even though it is a very busy time for us. People are happy and good natured and Christmas goodwill seems to rub off on everyone. This year we supported the Brain Tumour charity and yet again we were surprised to hear how many people had been affected in some way. We are please to be able to present the charity with a substantial amount to help their work.

We regularly continue to support Telford in Crisis, both in cash and kind. It is so sad that they are still very much needed. However, with the support of the people of Madeley and Telford we are able to continue helping to relieve some of the distress.

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TELFORD CRISIS SUPPORT

Telford Crisis Support would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our supporters for their help during 2025. Last year was another tough one for many of us, the cost-of-living continues to impact heavily on household budgets, which can result in temporary financial crisis for many of us. By providing a range of holistic support services TCS can make a real difference to those, with your help, we support.

If you can help us continue to support our local community, friends, and neighbours please see our website or socials for ways you can help us make a difference.

If you need help and support, please do not hesitate to contact us – for information about the services we provide, visit our website Get Help section, or call us directly, on 01952 586646.

Worried About Money then try our interactive support guide.

Worrying about money?

Support is available
in **Telford & Wrekin**
Three steps to find options,
and places to get help

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TELFORD
CRISIS
SUPPORT

TCS STATS 2024



232,000 meals



252 new born baby packs



14,200 people



Food for 1990 pets



7600+ hygiene products



3980 items of homeware, cookware,
bedding, small kitchen appliances,



12,250 items of clothing, including,
coats, shoes, sports kit, school uniform



home energy vouchers, baby
safety packs, children's beds,
cot-beds, cots, white goods
kitchen, flooring, furniture,
winter warm packs

and
more,
much
more!

Stats for the calendar year 2024.
At the time of publication, final numbers are still being collated for final figures.

Thinking about making your money go further? Unsure on whether you're entitled to benefits? Or do you think you might be paying too much on your gas and electricity? Want to understand your financial position and rights during a separation?

Why not drop in and chat to us at the Madeley Community Library on the 2nd & 4th wednesday of the month from 10am - 1pm.

How to contact Telford & the Wrekin Citizens Advice?

- Our Contact Us Form-
<https://citizensadvice.telfordandthewrekin.org.uk/contact-us>
- Call on - 0808 278 7988 (Freephone)
- Visit our office at Suite 4, Syer House
Stafford Park, TF3 3BD Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 4:30pm
- Visit Wellington Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 4pm



Madeley Woodside Sutton Hill Credit Union Ltd

Based in Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley

We are your local Credit union run on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of the community of Madeley, Woodside and Sutton Hill, offering a convenient way to save and provide affordable loans.



With the increase in food costs and utility bills we are aware that people are struggling to make ends meet.

So come and join us and start saving on a regular basis even if it is a small amount. **Watch your savings grow!** Then after a short period of time you will be eligible to apply for a loan. These loans could help with unexpected costs such as utility bills, car repairs, white goods, school uniforms or even Christmas.

We are open Monday and Friday between 10am - 12pm.

For more information call 01952 408111 or email info@mwscreditunion.com

Court Street COFFEE MORNING

For those impacted by cancer

Open to Court Street Medical Practice patients only.

- Are you currently dealing with cancer?
- Have you been affected by cancer?
- Do you want to connect with others who share similar experiences?

This is a safe space where you can talk, share, and support others in a relaxed environment. These sessions are guided by our *Cancer Care Nurse*, Georgie and *Social Prescriber*, Emma.

www.courtstreetmedicalpractice.com

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01952 586616

Court Street, Madeley, TF7 5EE



Telford Mind & Court Street Medical Practice

Keep an eye on our Facebook page or speak to Wes (Social Prescriber) for more details

Our Community...

Community Activities at Madeley Baptist Church Go from Strength to Strength

The welcoming environment of Madeley Baptist Church (MBC) is proving a hit with locals and as a result the services and activities on offer are continuing to grow.

The church's flag-ship project 'Winter Warmers', which is part of the Warm Spaces initiative, regularly sees upwards of fifty people attend the Tuesday and Thursday sessions that provide friendship, free refreshments and hot meals. In the build-up to Christmas, MBC provided a Christmas party with all users of the church invited, followed a few days later by a turkey lunch.

Alongside the friendship aspect of Winter Warmers, support teams from Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Maniplace, Wrekin Housing Trust, MIND and most recently, The Job Box, provide the opportunity for confidential conversation without the need to make an appointment.

Together with Winter Warmers every Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am 'til 2 pm, MBC opens its doors on the first and third Tuesday evenings in the month to 'Causeway', a group for adults with additional learning needs. From 6:45 pm 'til 8:15 pm there is the opportunity to meet with others and participate in a variety of enjoyable activities including craft, games and quizzes.

On the fourth Wednesday of the month, 10 am 'til noon, MBC hosts 'In the Loop', an all-age group for ladies which is proving a great way to make friends. Many of our ladies also like to craft and are encouraged to bring their own projects along or get involved in group activities. At the moment, banners are being made for the church.



Our Community...

For younger members of the community, MBC runs 'Frantic Friday', a youth club for 8 – 16-year-olds. Providing Friendship, faith, and fun, the group meet every fourth Friday of the month, 7 pm 'til 9 pm.

Saturday mornings MBC accommodates the 'Food Share, Waste Prevention Project', which from 11 am 'til noon is open for people to just drop-in. Earlier, booked slots for those most in need are available by prior arrangement.

On Monday's between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm, MBC expands its outreach by providing a friendship group for all ages at the Park Lane Centre. 'Friendly Faces@Woodside' was originally setup to help people recover from isolation after Covid, but due to its on-going popularity continues to provide a relaxed meeting place for the local community.

Then there is of course Sunday Morning Worship starting at 10:30 am; usually lasting for just over an hour and including groups for young people. A Prayer Meeting is held every Wednesday, starting at 7:14 pm.



None of the services the church provides would be possible without its dedicated team of volunteers. Originally, volunteers were all members of MBC, however over time people from other churches have come forward, as have individuals who enjoyed the meetings so much that they wanted to become more involved. New volunteers are always welcome.

MBC is extremely grateful for the on-going support of all its volunteers, the help provided by Madeley Town Council, and local businesses.

If you would like to find out more just come along, visit our website: madeleybaptist.org.uk, or find us on facebook.

Everyone is welcome!



NEXT EDITION OF MADELEY MATTERS

Due for publication April 2025

If you would like to submit an article for consideration, please contact sam@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk

**Articles required by
28 March 2025**

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Nine Men of Madeley

The Nine Men of Madeley refers to a tragic accident that occurred at the Brick Kiln Leasow Pit in Madeley on 27th September 1864. They were being winched up the shaft at the end of their day's work when the chains on which they were sitting became detached from the hook on the winding rope. 3 men and 6 boys plunged to the bottom of the shaft, 200 feet below. They were all buried side by side in a grave in St Michaels Churchyard and a large stone memorial recorded their names. Due to the weathering of the stone making the text virtually unreadable, and the grave in a very bad state of repair, Madeley Living History Group were successful in obtaining a large grant in 2003 to fund a wonderful restoration project. The cast iron railings and individual grave identity covers together with the brickwork surround were all repaired and painted and a new Memorial Plaque erected on a lectern adjacent to the communal grave. It all looked wonderful.

In the late Spring of last year during a visit by a member of Madeley History Group it was noted that the Memorial Plaque was looking shabby and difficult to read, with the paint peeling off. Our group wanted to ensure that the Nine Men of Madeley would never be forgotten, and a plan was conceived to return the plaque to pristine condition, including correcting an error in the text.

Permission was sought from the Clergy and Church Wardens of St Michaels Church to carry out a refurbishment of the Memorial Plaque. This permission was enthusiastically given.

Madeley History Group then had to consider funding for the restoration. We applied to Madeley Town Council for a Grant to help with the cost, as we are a small group with limited funds.

We are extremely grateful to the Town Council for the donation they were able to give us, which made the project affordable.

We awarded the refurbishment work to Madeley Brass Castings, a small local family business. When the Plaque was nearing completion we informed the new Vicar of St Michaels, The Rev. Andy Ackroyd and he agreed to officiate at a re-dedication of the Memorial Plaque to The Nine Men of Madeley.

On Monday 11th November 2024, with the sun shining on us, Rev. Andy conducted the Rededication. The service was attended by members from Madeley History Group, the deputy Town Clerk and staff from Madeley Brass Castings and members of the public.

It was a very thought-provoking service, with wonderful words from Rev. Ackroyd. If you are not familiar with the story of The Nine Men of Madeley, I would recommend that you visit the Grave. It really does put things into perspective.

Madeley History Group wish to thank Madeley Town Council, Madeley Brass Castings for their excellent work in refurbishment of the Memorial Plaque and the Rev. Andy Ackroyd for bringing our project to fruition.

If you would like to join our Group, or just visit us, we meet at Jubilee House, Madeley on Thursdays at 10.00am.

Alan Jones. Chairman, Madeley History Group





Madeley Town Council Meeting Dates

22 February

Madeley Mayor Monthly Drop-in
at 10am-12pm at Madeley Community Library

24 February

Sutton Hill Residents Meeting
at 6pm at The Hub on the Hill, Sutton Hill

3 March

Leisure & Community Committee
at 6.30pm at Jubilee House

7 March

Woodside Borough Councillor Surgery
at 6-7pm at The Park Lane Centre

10 March

Environment Committee at 6.30pm
at Jubilee House

17 March

Finance & General Purpose Committee
at 6.30pm at Jubilee House

29 March

Madeley Mayor Monthly Drop-in
at 10am-12am at Madeley Community Library

31 March

Sutton Hill Residents Meeting at
6pm at The Hub on the Hill

4 April

Woodside Borough Councillor Surgery
at 6-7pm at The Park Lane Centre

7 April

Full Council at 6.30pm
at Jubilee House

26 April

Madeley Mayor Monthly Drop-in at 10am-12pm
at Madeley Community Library

28 April

Annual Parish Meeting and Mayors Community Awards
at 6pm at Jubilee House

28 April

Sutton Hill Residents Meeting at 6pm
at The Hub on the Hill

12 May

Annual Meeting of Madeley Town Council
at 6.30pm at Jubilee House



MEETINGS

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Out of hours 07545 023 519

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