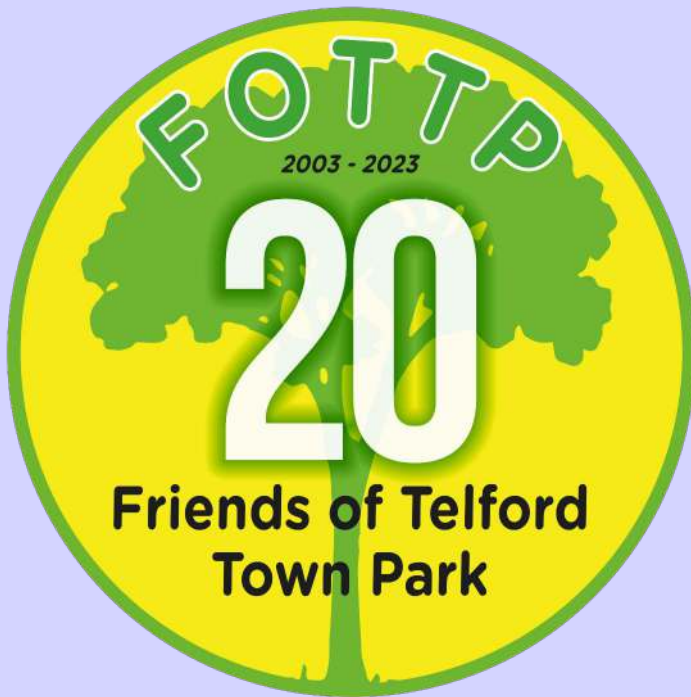


Chairman's Report

2022 - 2023



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Well another momentous year for the Friends of Telford Town Park! The photograph above was the re-presentation of our wonderful Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2020. This celebration had been deferred due to Covid and it was fantastic to see so many people join us at the Holiday Inn in September to celebrate and enjoy the buffet, including, the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, Anna Turner and her deputy Jenny Wynn along with the Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Raj Mehta.

2022 was a difficult year even with most of the Covid legal restrictions lifted but we still had to be careful as cases were still around and indeed, still are to this day!

Despite all the problems, we managed to use a grant we obtained from Telford & Wrekin Council to purchase and install a new 6ft x 14ft wooden shed to give us much needed extra space to store our garden implements. We are currently in the last stages of that installation with energy saving solar power ready to be used.

As I write, we have just heard that we have also been successful in obtaining a grant to construct a Coronation Garden to celebrate the accession to the throne of King Charles the Third. We hope to have it finished in time for the 6 May with an official opening a few weeks later.

Our new Memory Hearts scheme is going well with over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the new acrylic hearts being sold already. These are all hanging in the Sensory Garden in the Chelsea Gardens.

Last year (2022) we decided to change banks due our bank starting to charge us a monthly fee of £5 for each account. We are currently happy with the change to a non fee charging bank.

We were also fortunate in gaining some more members, making our total now in excess of 40. Quite an achievement. More so really, as this is our twentieth year of operation having become a formally constituted organisation in 2003, with the wonderful, late Joan Noel as Chair.

In June we had a visit from our lovely garden designer friend Teresa Rham, who brought a French student with her who was on a 6 week course in garden design.. Teresa was very impressed with all that we had achieved since her last visit a year ago.

We have also renewed our sponsorship with the Southwater Event Group, Henshall's Insurance brokers in Newport, who pay for our public liability insurance and also with Dani from J&PR Ltd who acts as our PR Manager. They all help make a big difference.

In the Community garden we have constructed a new seating area so that we can enjoy a well earned tea break away from the gardens and the general public!

The Park succeeded on gaining the prestigious Green Flag award again which I am know much of the Friend's work helped to achieve.

I also managed to fit in an illustrated talk about the Town Park and the Friend's to the Chit Chat Club at Hollinswood Community centre which was appreciated by all who attended.

We returned to work on the first of February after our winter break with much to do clearing away the last of the fallen leaves and a general tidy up.

So we are looking forward to another exciting year in the park with all our members new and old!

We always welcome new members, so if you would like to see what we do and if you might be interested, just pop along any Wednesday morning between 9.15am and 1pm. If you come around 11, you might even get a cup of tea or coffee !

Regards, Chris Pettman, Chairman, FOTTP. March 2023



New
Seating
area



New
Compost
Bins



Repainted
Railings
Maxell
Garden