

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Playing Field Fence: It is hoped that most of you will have seen the new fencing round the field which has now been completed with the removal of the old wooden posts. It has been a costly and time consuming project but hopefully you will agree with the many complimentary comments that have been received and it is hoped that it will stand the Parish in good stead for many years.

Moat: Those of you who walk through the Moat will have noticed that some tree felling has taken place. This was simply to remove a number of self-seeded sycamore saplings to allow the more prominent and established trees to develop and grow in the space that has been created.

The Burial Ground: The area of land used for burials outside the main Church Grounds is the responsibility of the Parish Council and in the past month, with the assistance of a group of enthusiastic service personnel from RAF Shawbury, a range of remedial work has been undertaken. However it became obvious that more needs to be done and plans are being made to improve aspects of the ground, including paving round the recently installed seat, levelling up graves where there has been sinkage and improving the pathways. It is hoped that this work will be carried out in the New Year.

Budget: The budget for 2025 - 2026 has been prepared and approved by Members and details can be found on the Council's web site or a copy obtained from the Parish Clerk. By careful financial management there has been no need to increase the precept which has been the same for the past three years and means there should be no increase in that element of your Council Tax.

New Trees: A generous gift of £1,000 from a local resident has enabled the Council to purchase twenty trees for planting in and around the Moat area. Oakgate Nursery provided the best quotation for supplying the trees and as a gesture of good will are going to plant the trees for the Council free of charge.

Parish Paths: There are a wide range of well used Footpaths, Bridleways, etc. round the Parish which are maintained by a Parish Partnership which tries to keep them clear to allow people to have free access. Shropshire Council makes a small grant for the purchase of tools but the work has been carried out by volunteers. Unfortunately there has been a distinct lack of people willing to give up a little time to help, so in the future it will be necessary to pay for much of the work. A successful trial has been carried out by contracting a company using a new system called Wilderness Mowing and it is intended to employ them to do more work in the future. This will be an added financial burden of the Parish but it is felt the health and well-being of parishioners who use these paths is important.

Awards: Each year at the Annual Parish Meeting, the Council likes to award people and groups that have given exceptional service in the Community and since it began well over sixty people have been nominated. If you know of anyone who deserves to be commended please get in touch with the Parish Clerk who will be happy to discuss the process with you.

Dog Fouling: It is annoying to have to raise this issues again but following increased complaints it seems that there are still many dog owners who are either too lazy or inconsiderate to pick up and dispose of their dog's waste. We are trying to get the dog warden to spend time in the area and issue fines of £100 to anyone caught ignoring the rule.

Finally: The Council wishes to acknowledged with sincere thanks a donation of £300.00 which has been made by RAF Shawbury as a 'thankyou' for the continued support given by the Council and the Community. It has been decided that this money can be put towards the improvements in the Burial Ground.

Local Church Information

St Mary the Virgin – Shawbury
St Andrew – Stanton
St Bartholomew – Moreton Corbet
Mr C Corbet (Reader) 01939 220361
www.shropshirechurches.uk

St Mary's Services

Thur 2 nd	10am, Holy Communion
Sun 5 th	11am, Morning Prayer
Thur 9 th	10am, Holy Communion
Sun 12 th	11am, Holy Communion
Thur 16 th	10am, Holy Communion
Sun 19 th	9.30am, Holy Communion, Stanton
Thur 23 rd	10am, Holy Communion River Meadows, 11.30am, Communion by extension
Sun 26 th	11am, Holy Communion
Thur 30 th	10am, Morning Prayer

Shawbury Parish Council

Chairman—Mr Paul Sharp.

Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday** of the month in the Shawbury Village Hall at **7.00pm**. There is a short public session prior to the start of each meeting. Council details are on the website: www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk

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Local Shropshire Councillor

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Weekly visit: 09.30–10.30 every FRIDAY

In the carpark next to the Church

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/>

Shawbury WI



Shawbury WI meet
in the Village Hall
on Mon 20th
January 2025 at
7.15pm

**Cadi Price will
give a
presentation on
“Cycling in
Vietnam”**

Competition is for a Souvenir
Fridge Magnet

New members and visitors
welcome.

Shrewsbury Textiles and Creative Stitch

Join us from 7pm till 9pm on **Tuesday 4th February** at
Bayston Hill Methodist Centre, Lansdowne Road.

We welcome Suzette Smart
‘Textile Connections’

Visitors welcome £5

Members £2

Facebook - Shrewsbury Textiles and Creative Stitch

VILLAGE HALL GROUPS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Walkers 1000	diddi Dance 0915–1000	Toddlers 1000	Senior Club 1400	Post Office 0930–1130
Whist 1930	Buzz in Café 1030–1200	Slimming World 1830–1930	Bingo 1930 for 2000	Fitness Boxing 1100–1200
WI–3rd Monday 1915	Flower Club–1st Tuesday 1930	Ju Jitsu 1800	Gardeners–4th Thursday 1930	Watercolour Painting– alternate Fridays 1000–1200
	Parish Council–2nd Tuesday, 1900			

Armed Forces Outreach Meeting Dates and Venues

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
6th Jan	10.00 - 12.00	Hospitality Room, Refresh Café, Severn Hospice, Shrewsbury SY3 8HS
7th Jan	13.15 - 15.00	Sports Village, Sundorne Rd, Shrewsbury SY1 4RQ
13th Jan	10.00 - 12.00	Bridgnorth Library WV16 4AW
15th Jan	10.00 - 12.00	Wem Community Drop in Edstaston Village Hall SY4 5RF
20th Jan	10.00 - 12.00	Hadyn Smith Room Theatre Severn Frankwell Quay Shrewsbury SY3
21st JAN	11.00 - 13.00	Welfare Centre Tern Hill TF9 2EX *This is opposite the barracks on the
27th Jan	11.00 - 13.00	Ludlow Youth Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow SY8 1RT
29th Jan	10.00 - 12.00	Youth Activity Centre, Dawsons Rough, RAF Shawbury SY4 4DZ *This is off base*

This photo may be of interest to anyone involved with the Horsa Glider project. Just over 20 years ago work started on building an exact model of the World War 2 glider from original plans. Premises at RAF Shawbury were made available and groups of woodworkers started from scratch, many of whom were former RAF personnel. Over the years the project employed an education officer responsible for bringing in groups of youngsters, potential apprentices, thus sharing the skills of the woodturners. It took 14 years to complete the glider which now proudly stands in a war museum in Uden, Holland as a permanent testament to those heroes from the war and also to the skills of people local to Shawbury who so enjoyed being involved. An Interesting fact is that, during the war, these gliders were built in a Birmingham factory averaging one a week.



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Still just about enough time for a Christmas word search!

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