

## **MARCH NEWSLETTER Shrewley Parish Council**

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**The Riding for the Disabled Association presented their proposal to move their HQ to Lowlands Farm, Shrewley. See Planning Application W/17/0274 on the WDC website for more information ([www.warwickdc.gov.uk](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk)).**

**WCC Report** – The council tax has been set with a 2% increase for social care. Forty extra social workers have been recruited to help with the 750 children in care. There will be no reduction in the gritting routes, fly tipping or Fire and Rescue Service or Highways budget despite a £67million budget cut. The Stanks Island works are delayed and will now start later this year. Broadband is now available throughout 85% of the county. The Market Square Museum reopened on 18 Feb following refurbishment using Heritage and WCC funding. The successful women's cycle race (previously Aviva) will be coming back to the area in June.

**WDC Report** – WDC are hopeful of having the Local Plan approved later this year. The Revenue Support Grant (the amount received from Central government) has fallen from £4 million to less than £1 million over the past 5 years, and we expect it to be eliminated in 2019/20. Despite this, the vast majority of the services have been maintained. Early indications are good that the proposed outsourcing of the management of leisure facilities in Kenilworth, Leamington Spa and Warwick will not only cover the interest cost of the £15 million investment of improving these facilities, but also deliver more than the hoped-for level of savings. The proposed relocation of the Council offices from Riverside House to the Covent Garden site in Leamington is estimated to save at least £300,000 per annum long term.

**WDC will NOT in future post Planning Site Notices for most rural Planning Applications with the exception of listed buildings and large developments. Therefore, the Parish Council has agreed to display notices on yellow paper on the notice board nearest to the application.**

**Friends of Hatton Station** – New plants have been added to the planters. Passenger numbers have increased by 7%.

**Shrewley Parish Parents hosted a Burns Supper on the 28<sup>th</sup> January at Shrewley Village Hall which was a great success and raised £750 towards the playground project. A Mothers Day Messy Play session will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March followed by a Nearly New Sale on the 8<sup>th</sup> April. For more details contact Eliza 07891871297 or [shrewleyparents@gmail.com](mailto:shrewleyparents@gmail.com). Details of future events will be advertised on Notice Boards and Shrewley website.**

**BT Phone Boxes** – Interest has been registered to adopt the parish phone boxes on Shrewley Common, Hatton Station and Little Shrewley from BT. Local residents have volunteered to carry out any maintenance required. **Any ideas for future use are welcomed.**

**Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair** – Haunching repairs on Mill Lane have been marked up and the order placed. The Fiveways Rd hedge has been cut back. Footpath No. 18 alleyway has been cleared to Tunnel Barn. A list of road faults scheduled for rectification is maintained by the Parish Council liaising with WCC Highways. It is regularly updated and can be viewed on [www.shrewley.org](http://www.shrewley.org). A Public Footpath Report is also available detailing the current state of the parish footpaths. If you know of any paths that require clearing, please let us **AND** the landowner know!

**Broadband** – Openreach have installed a new Haseley Knob Box 5 at the junction of Stoney Lane/Five Ways Road. This should provide an improved service to properties with CV35/7HJ,7HL,7HN,7HR,7HS,7HT,7HU,7JH,7LY postcodes.

**Village Hall** – New fencing and 2 new noticeboards have been installed and the area around the kiosk has been graded and paved. The planter will be refurbished and replanted by Spring. Additional safety floodlights will be installed on the corners of the building along the drive. A new audio visual system is to be installed. **Village Hall events** – See notice boards and website [www.shrewley.org](http://www.shrewley.org).

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**The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm  
All residents of Shrewley are welcome**