

JANUARY NEWSLETTER Shrewley Parish Council

This newsletter is published after the Parish Council meeting. It is also available on the website – www.shrewley.org. If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by email, please send your email address to the Parish Clerk at shrewleyparish@aol.co.uk

Parish Councillor Vacancy – A vacancy for a Councillor has become available that will be filled by co-option. If you are a resident in the Parish or have worked in the Parish for more than 12 months and would be interested in joining the Council, please speak to any Parish Councillor (details are on this notice board).

WCC Report – The Home to School Policy consultation outcome is awaited, the school transport budget is overspent. West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service will begin transporting discharged patients from hospital to home when charities and ring and ride services are not available. Roads were successfully gritted throughout the bad weather. An extra 1% has been added onto the budget with 2% ring-fenced for social care and a 2% wage increase. WCC hope to digitally transform the accessing of the services they provide making it more user friendly and widely available. The A46 is to be remodelled, details will soon be available in a printed booklet.

WDC Report – The HQ relocation planning applications for Riverside House (to be redeveloped as housing) and Covent Garden (new Council HQ offices, apartments, and larger multi-storey car park) have been submitted. An annual saving of at least £300k will be made. D Cllr Sue Gallagher has been appointed Parish Champion. The Stanks Island development has been delayed.

Shrewley Parish Parents - The planning application for the children's playground at the Village Hall is proceeding. WDC requires further details. Future SPPG events are advertised on Notice Boards and Shrewley website. For more details contact Eliza 07891871297 or shrewleyparents@gmail.com.

Friends of Hatton Station – The planters will require repainting in the Spring.

Neighbourhood Watch – Residents are warned that burglaries of shed/outbuildings in the parish are on the increase. Please ensure you have adequate security in place. Low cost shed alarms are a good deterrent.

Phone boxes in Little Shrewley and Hatton Station – Offers of help to maintain the boxes along with suggestions for use are always welcome!

The Durham Ox is now closed for refurbishment – progress updates are available on Twitter.

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – The tree incursion at the Five Ways Island and feeder roads has been cleared. The south section of Station Road has also been cleared greatly improving the visibility splays. The footpath by the railway alongside Hatton North footbridge, where many trees have been cut down and damage has been caused to the wire fence and stile is awaiting repair. Cars have been parked in the Shrewley Tunnel access road beside the village shop. This road is for emergency and maintenance vehicles only.

A patching order has been raised for the Station Road/B4439 junction as the surface is deteriorating. Repair to the eroded road surface between 100 and 106 Station Road is due to start on 19 January. The Community Payback Scheme is to be asked to help reinstate the footpath along Case Lane to Five Ways island. A request has been made to WCC Forestry to prune back the conifers at the end of Ash Close.

Warwickshire Rights of Way Team has launched a new online Fault Report System <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rowreporting>. A list of road faults scheduled for rectification can be viewed on www.shrewley.org. A Public Footpath Report is also available detailing the current state of parish footpaths. If you know of any paths that require clearing, please let us **AND** the landowner know!

Village Hall – The next film night is on Friday 12th January with Bridget Jones' Baby. On 27th January Shrewley Parish Parents are hosting a Burns Supper. Further details are available from **Eliza on 07891871297**. The replacement hall chairs will be delivered shortly. Elaine Hall will be taking bookings for the Village Hall on 01926 843624. The next Village Hall Committee meeting will take place on 17th January. For all Village Hall events see Parish/ Village Hall notice boards and website www.shrewley.org.

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Next Meeting – Monday 5th March at 7.45pm

All residents of Shrewley are welcome