

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

WDC Report – The continuing lock down means that various financial Covid support schemes have been extended or renewed. There is a specific fund aimed at non-rated businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure industries which have been mandated to close down. All schemes are detailed on the WDC website.

The Council in a special meeting has agreed to set up a local housing company to build suitable houses to address the District housing need. This is an arm's length arrangement but the company remains wholly-owned by the District Council. Some other authorities already have similar successful schemes.

The Interactive Futures Conference will take place on-line from 16th to 20th February. This will showcase the talents and creativity of the Leamington Spa games hub. The two planning applications for the Council leisure facilities in Kenilworth are about to be submitted. The Covid collaboration between WDC and WCC has been exemplary. The council is looking at how to deliver services with reduced revenue and increased costs.

WCC Report – There are now 24 Covid-19 vaccination sites across Warwickshire. By the end of January there will be a major site at Stoneleigh Showground. In Warwickshire there is capacity for 47000 jabs a week including hospitals vaccinating staff. Residents/staff in 33 care homes have been vaccinated. There is a 15500 lateral flow test capacity and backward tracing is also finding positive cases. WCC staff are working with companies to stop outbreaks and train community volunteers.

Free school meal vouchers were supplied over the Christmas holidays and this is to be continued over the Easter holidays. 1000 more laptops have been distributed to pupils in care. Community transport is available for vaccinations and residents need to wait for their vaccine invite. At the end of January the Recovery Budget will go to cabinet. An extra £30 million has been spent on Covid.

Tree Charter - Shrewley Parish Council is looking for landowners and local volunteers to join this National tree planting project to make our post Covid-19 Parish a healthier and more beautiful place to live, enhancing wildlife and

helping to combat climate change. Further details on the project can be found at www.treecharter.uk

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – Pedestrian signs are to be installed on Station Road on the bend and up towards the railway bridge, together with traffic calming gates either end of Shrewley Common by March 2021.

Warwickshire has an online Fault Report System for roads and footpaths <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

Village Hall – The pandemic has prevented the opening of the Village Hall. The Hall had a jolly Christmas light display and residents were encouraged to join the 'Light up the District' event by switching their lights on at 6pm on 27th November. There was a great community response in the Parish with lots of lights! Hatton Station Phone Box Group had a Christmas tree donated by Barn Close Nurseries which was placed next to the phone box with lights on. For all Village Hall events see the Parish/ Village Hall notice boards and website www.shrewley.org.

Shrewley Parish Parents – The installation of the playground is planned to start in Spring.

Winter can be an isolating and lonely time for a lot of people, but you can help. If you're worried about someone, visit dearlife.org.uk to find support, or share 0800 616 171 with anyone you may think needs support.

Getting Your Vaccination And Transport Difficulties

The advice for residents who need help with transport to vaccinations is to:

- 1. Ask within their family/carer bubble. If this isn't an option, then to**
- 2. Visit volunteer provision at the Warwickshire County Council website using the following link <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-669614087-3233>). If this isn't an option, then to**
- 3. Finally, residents can call our contact centre 0800 408 1447 and they will be helped.**

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Next Parish Meeting by Zoom – Monday March 1st at 7.45pm

All residents of Shrewley are welcome