

MARCH 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

The Parish Council has two vacancies – if you are interested, please contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk for more information. Details are on the PC notice boards and on the website.

WCC Report – WCC budget has been set with 2% ringfenced for adult social care. 2019/20 is the last year of a 3 year medium plan with a £67 million reduction of which 97% has been achieved. There are plans for more savings up to 2025. No support is being received from Central Government due to Brexit planning. WCC are dependant on the income from the motor industry and high employment. £6 million savings have been made on children's social care and looked after children numbers are increasing. £200k has been spent on an education strategy for a better start in life. There is more funding for a 4 year homelessness programme and Warwick district has a number of hostels helping to take people off the streets. Chris Ham, the ex-Chief Executive of The Kings Fund has taken up the role of independent Chair of 'Better Health, Better Care, Better Value', Coventry and Warwickshire's sustainability and transformation partnership (STP) in an effort to provide better health and care services. GP's have started delivering weekend appointments in many areas. There is £1 million for the City of Culture, Coventry and Warwickshire. WCC is on the trustee board and it is predicted £10 million will be generated back into business.

WDC Report – The budget has been approved with a £5 increase on a band D property. The redevelopment of the old town in Leamington Spa to a 'Creative Quarter' is due to be approved. Plans to move the Headquarters have been put on hold until July. The bandstand has been returned and on Friday 15th 1-2pm there will be a talk about the restoration and a brass band playing. The Christmas pantomime Dick Whittington at the Spa Centre raised £11k for children's charity hospice 'Zoe's Place'

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

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – A slurry seal on both sides of Shrewley Common pavement will take place between April and July. Residents have received a notice requesting they trim overlapping front hedges in order for the work to be carried out.

Warwickshire Rights of Way Team has an online Fault Report System <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rowreporting>. A list of reported public footpath faults can be viewed on www.shrewley.org from the Parish Council page.

There is also a link to reported Highway problems - enter your postcode for local reported problems.

Following a meeting with Councillors and the Canal & River Trust, the towpath SE of the tunnel has been cleared and new canal signage is proposed for Shrewley Common.

Shrewley Common Traffic Calming: Residents' Survey – In response to concerns from residents about speeding traffic, the Parish Council is surveying residents in order to gauge traffic calming priorities in the village. The results will be reported at the Annual Parish Assembly on 2nd April.

Friends of Hatton Station – The refurbishment of the road bridge over the railway (DCL167) has begun. Due to the discovery of uncharted buried services, timescales have been extended. The road will remain closed but the road may be opened up using two-way lights instead of maintaining the full road closure throughout the works. Disruption will be kept to a minimum.

Village Hall – Shrewley Parish Parents Groups project plan for the children's play area is progressing with grant applications and potential contractor discussions. Plans are going ahead to get part of the field behind the Hall reinforced for overflow parking. The Committee are considering plans to extend the hall along the north-eastern side.

For all Village Hall events see the Parish/ Village Hall notice boards and website www.shrewley.org. Future SPPG events are also advertised on notice boards and Shrewley website. For more details contact Eliza 07891871297 or shrewleyparents@gmail.com.

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**The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on
Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm**

All residents of Shrewley are welcome