

MAY 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 Annual Meeting saw Cllr Wesbury and Cllr Soutter unanimously voted in to the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. We also co-opted Jo Day and Erica Coton as Councillors. Jo moved to the parish from Stratford-upon-Avon in October and works as a Health Visitor. Jo is keen to use the skills she has gained within the local community. Erica works for Enterprise Inns and is passionate about the area and keen to get to know more of the local residents. We are delighted to welcome two new councillors and are sure they will be an asset to the PC. Thank you to all the residents that attended the successful Annual Assembly.

WCC Report – Due to the elections and the period of purdah there is little to report. Chief Officers and Directors are in post.

WDC Report - Cllr Sue Gallagher did not stand for re-election. At the Annual Parish Assembly, the Chairman thanked her for her hard work over many years and wished her all the best for the future. We are waiting to hear which of the three new District Councillors will attend the PC meetings.

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 – Preparation work on both sides of Shrewley Common pavement has begun prior to the slurry seal that will take place by July. Residents have received a notice requesting they trim overlapping front hedges in order for the work to be carried out.

The broken footpath waymarker posts at the rear of the Village Hall and on the Station Road bend have now been replaced.

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.

Shrewley Common Traffic Calming: Residents' Survey – In response to concerns from residents about speeding traffic, the Parish Council carried out a survey in order to gauge traffic calming priorities in the village. 95 surveys were distributed along Shrewley Common with 36 surveys returned from 33 households. 65% of households surveyed did not respond. The Parish Council are considering the various speed reduction options and funding applications.

Friends of Hatton Station – The work on DCL 167 Hatton Station road bridge has resumed. The brickwork is being repointed with bricks renewed where needed. The repainting continues and confirmation is awaited from the contractors when the second road closure is to be implemented to enable the waterproofing of the structure and a new road surface with improved pedestrian access. August has been suggested as it would cause less disruption due to schools being on holiday.

Following a request to Chiltern Railways for the repainting of the platform shelters, the Station Manager has replied that they are currently working towards replacing these shelters and will keep us updated on progress.

The watering season for the station planters has now started. Once again thanks to our volunteers for their help.

Village Hall – Hall bookings remain healthy and the Hall chairs have been cleaned by volunteers. Funding has been sought for the reinforcement of the field with a plastic grid for additional parking. Shrewley Parents' Group are actively sourcing funds for the £27,000 needed to construct the children's playground and are planning quarterly fund raising events.

The Village Hall AGM will be on 24th September and everyone is welcome.

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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Next Meeting – Monday 1st July at 7.45pm

All residents of Shrewley are welcome