

## **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

### **Shrewley Parish Council**

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**WDC Report** – The possible reorganisation to a unitary authority is on hold until next year. Staff are mostly working from home.

**Christmas Lights** – WDC is encouraging residents to 'light up the district' by switching their Christmas lights on at home this year in tandem with the town centres. This first ever virtual light switch-on event is set to take place on Friday 27 November at 6pm. The event will be live on the Council's Facebook page and YouTube channel from 5.45pm. See the PC notice boards for more information; leaflets are also being delivered to residents.

**WCC Report** – Coronavirus cases are rising quickly in Warwickshire. There have been outbreaks in 20 schools and 5 care homes. Care homes are testing staff weekly and patients monthly. It is hoped that there will be more track and trace backward tracing as well as forward tracing in place. Hospitals are currently managing capacity and staff are being redeployed. Two care homes in Coventry and Henley will take patients recovering from Covid19. Stored supplies of PPE are expected to last until March 2021. Waste sites will continue to be open during this second national lockdown as will County Parks but leisure centres are closed.

**Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair** – For some months, the PC has been asking for a new Vehicle Activated Speed sign on the Hockley Road outside Barn Close Nurseries, to replace the sign demolished in a road traffic accident. Following a number of recent accidents on this bend, we have been pressing the Council and are now assured that it will be installed in the near future. Pedestrian signs on Station Road on the bend and up towards the railway bridge are to be installed. Investigations to clear the blocked drain on the bend on Station Road are ongoing. Traffic calming gates are to be installed either end of Shrewley Common by March 2021. Warwickshire Rights of Way has an online Fault Report System <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rowreporting> and a list of reported public footpath faults in Shrewley Parish can be viewed on [www.shrewley.org](http://www.shrewley.org). from the Parish Council page.

There is a link to reported Highway problems - enter your postcode for local reported problems. <http://warwickshire.fixmystreet.com>

**Friends of Hatton Station** - Residents of Station Drive have had a covered drainage channel installed in front of their houses which will hopefully put an end to serious flooding that has occurred in recent times. Work on the railway bridge on Pinley Road has continued; an issue with contractors leaving rubble and litter by the roadside was swiftly resolved. At the station, planters and the wild flower meadow are having their autumn TLC in preparation for the winter. One of our watering stalwarts, Mark Beaglehole, is leaving the area. Many thanks Mark for the many hours you have spent carrying water across the footbridge to Platform 2 to keep the big planter in top condition. I hope we will be able to recruit a replacement in early summer next year!

**The Parish Council would like to thank Mark Beaglehole for his work in the community as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and also for his work in Hatton Station.**

**Village Hall** – Apart from sporadic flower arranging and Pilates classes, the pandemic has prevented other use except for the regular coaching classes for children. General maintenance of the hall now includes particular attention to sanitation to remain within the safety guidelines for Covid-19. The Hall's AGM was held by "Zoom" on 24<sup>th</sup> September. The accounts were approved, and a vote of thanks was given to Darrell Mottram for preparing them, and Linda Wesbury for auditing them. The management committee officers were re-elected unanimously, with the exception of the Garden Society, who have not yet nominated a representative to replace David Howell who retired early in 2020. David Lawrie was again re-elected as Chairman. For all Village Hall events see the Parish/ Village Hall notice boards and website [www.shrewley.org](http://www.shrewley.org).

**Shrewley Parish Parents** – The group has been very successful in securing over £32k funding for the children's play area behind the Village Hall. The Parish Council congratulated them on their success and have supported them with an agreed £2k donation. The installation is planned to start next Spring.

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**Next Parish Meeting by Zoom – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm**  
**All residents of Shrewley are welcome**