

NOVEMBER 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

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor at shrewleyparish@aol.co.uk. Training is available if required and meetings are bi-monthly on Mondays.

WDC Report – We are still working through our end of year accounts and expect to have those signed off by December. We have awarded a joint new waste management contract which starts in August 2022, where we are changing the collections to a mixture between weekly to 3 weekly collections. In August 2022 we will have a green bin with a different coloured lid that will replace the red boxes and plastic will also be able to go in these. Food waste will be a separate caddy for weekly collection. We were having issues with our green waste collection but hope to have resolved those issues now. We are working through the responses to our potential merger with Stratford District Council, ahead of our meeting on Monday 13th December.

WCC Report – The review of the 20mph speed limits and street parking costs is ongoing. The Councillors Grant Fund is aimed at community and voluntary organisations. There is a pot of £6000 for each WCC Cllr to support small scale projects. More details at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants>.

The 2nd November was the 14th anniversary of the tragic Atherstone on Stow fire which resulted in the deaths of four firefighters. All fire stations were at half-mast and a vigil took place.

Highway and Public Footpath/Towpath Maintenance and Repair – Cllr Jan Matecki chased the progress of the new Vehicle Activated Speed sign on the Hockley Road outside Barn Close Nurseries. The original sign was demolished in a road traffic accident over 2 years ago and the PC have been asking for a replacement since then. Cllr Matecki explained that lives should not be put at risk whilst waiting for the insurance claim to be paid. Another car has come off the road and the landowner had to repair the kissing gate. The installation of the traffic calming gates at either end of Shrewley Common is delayed.

Cllrs thanked The Bramblers (Solihull Ramblers footpath maintenance group) for completing all the outstanding faults on the parish footpaths in such an efficient manner. The vegetation removal on the bend at Station Road is in the work schedule to be carried out and the funds are in place.

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

Climate Emergency – Cllr Wood is to contact neighbouring parishes about taking action to support the climate emergency locally and involve the community. WALC held an excellent conference detailing practical steps that parish councils can take. The link contains videos of the speakers and presentations

[Conference 2021 Practical Steps for Parish Councils \(walc.org.uk\)](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem)

Voice of Warwickshire – Join the new Voice of Warwickshire residents' panel to share your views on issues in Warwickshire such as climate change, education, transport, economic growth, inequalities, inclusion and more. Find out more and sign up at <https://bit.ly/Voice> of Warwickshire.

Village Hall – The decoration of the hall has been well received and the lighting in the entrance improved. The first Social Club meeting for 20 months was held successfully on the 15th October and the next film night is planned for 19th November. The next major event will be an ABBA retrospective concert organised by the WI on 27th November. The Village Hall's popular Christmas Fayre will be held on 4th December.

For all Village Hall events see the Parish/ Village Hall notice boards and website www.shrewley.org.

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Next Parish Meeting – Monday January 10th at 7.45pm

All residents of Shrewley are welcome