

## **District Councillor's General Report – February 2016**

### **Flooding update**

Further to our report last month Wigan Council have now issued guidance on applying for flood resilience assistance. The central government grant of up to £5k is available but residents who wish to apply must complete the appropriate forms and submit them for processing. The forms and guidance on their completion can be found at:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Crime-Emergencies/Flood-advice.aspx>

We have also had further feedback from residents affected by flooding and have passed this onto the relevant council officers including the Director of Public Health, who is overseeing the program of work.

### **ASB in Shevington**

Although we still have reports of some pockets of ASB, including reports of some 'large bangs' that we have been unable to pinpoint, we understand that the situation has eased considerably over the past few weeks. As we highlighted last time it is a difficult one to resolve quickly, however we would like to reassure you that we are still monitoring the situation and the case remains open on the council system.

### **Kids in Bloom - Community Mosaic**

As some of you will have noticed, our latest community mosaic has been installed outside Shevington Village Art Gallery. It was created by local children and members of the public as part of our Children's Art Festival last summer and was inspired by nature and the award winning success of our local 'In Bloom' community groups.

If you look closely, you will notice it has a forget-me-not flower incorporated in the design, to represent Shevington's Dementia Friendly status.

We are hoping to install a small plaque next to the mosaic giving information on its creation and meaning and will update you if and when this happens.

### **Dog Fouling**

Sadly we seem to have an increase in reports about dog fouling in the area. We have been onto the council and reported it. Unfortunately some of the hot-spots are on the new estate and as the council doesn't have ownership of these roads or paths yet, we are awaiting a response from the developers over the issue.

## **Heart of Wigan update**

You may have seen that we have donated two portable defibs to both Shevington Sharks and Shevington FC. Although we hope they will never have to use them, should a cardiac incident occur when they are playing home or away, at least they will have access to potentially life-saving equipment.

We are also looking to install external cabinets and defibs outside the Church in Crooke Village, Silver Tally - Shevington Moor (it is currently inside) and outside the pharmacy in Appley Bridge.

I have also agreed to use the Library for CPR training, it will probably be on a Monday between 6-7pm, dates to be advised in the next week or two.

Thanks again for all your support.

**Regards**

**Mike, Paul and Damian**