

# Shevington in Bloom



On 9 July, Wigan in Bloom took the North West in Bloom judges to Shevington as part of their judging. On 11 July, two other judges - Bill Blackledge, Chairman of North West in Bloom and Jim Leach, ex-chairman of Lytham in Bloom - came to Shevington to judge us in the Town Competition.

The Shevington in Bloom group have worked very hard this year preparing the village, their planters (which complement those provided by the Parish Council) and beds to judging standard. We had some new projects to show the judges, including 5 new bespoke metal woven basket planters, new signs on the library wall, wildflowers round the fruit trees and the tarmacking of part of the grassed verge on Church Lane. The group and volunteers held extra working parties over the weekend before judging, making the village immaculate on both judging days. Litter was picked, planters washed, paths swept and weeds scraped out.



This year we found it particularly difficult to reach the a high standard, due to judging being three weeks earlier than usual and the very long, hot, dry spell. For several weeks, the in Bloom group had the added work of watering 2 to 3 times a week, either early in the morning or late evening, to avoid scorching the plants and to keep them alive and blooming.

The judges seemed very impressed with the work, especially those who came on 11 July. The results will be announced at a presentation in Southport on 2 November. Watch this space for the results.

## Shevington Memorial Park Enters the RHS Small Parks Competition



When the judges came to assess the Shevington in Bloom entry in North West in Bloom this year they encouraged the Parish Council to enter Shevington Memorial Park as a standalone entry in this year's Small Parks competition. We were told that we would receive feedback to enable us to improve the park and then enter it for a Green Flag award from Keep Britain Tidy next year. We followed this advice and are now awaiting the outcome.

## Vicarage Lane Fields

*Update*



When the prospective tenants of the new allotment site first signed up on 7 April this year, little did they realise the challenges they were to face. After one of the wettest and coldest Springs they were faced with a field of hummocky grass and mud, yet in no time clearing began and the ground soon started to dry out.....and to dry out, and to dry out! As the ground warmed up, they were able to get some crops planted, but with no piped water yet to the site and the hottest Summer for many years developing, it took real hard work and ingenuity to keep them growing. Wonderfully, though, they have managed, with whole families mucking in, to build a real community there. They have even had time to produce a newsletter, and to provide helpers at the Gardening Club show. Congratulations to all involved and long may it continue.

Meanwhile, at the other side of the project: we are delighted to be able to let you know that the planning application for the community building at the centre of the site has been passed. The next stage involves raising the funds for it - 'Good Luck' in your efforts, sports clubs! Next month you will also see many new young trees being planted on the site, as the Parish Council has been successful in securing a pack free of charge from the Woodlands Trust.

Shevington Parish Council has small grants available for local community groups. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for an application form.

*A Focus on Parish Footpaths*



# Friends of Shevington Memorial Park

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT to REGENERATE our MEMORIAL PARK. The park belongs to YOU the PEOPLE of Shevington. It was donated to the Parish in the mid-20th Century. YOU pay for its upkeep through the PRECEPT which you pay to the Parish Council. But the Park needs refurbishment and investment!

- It needs:**
- Drainage** - a significant portion is inaccessible with any small amount of rain!
- The play equipment** is old and needs updating; it has just received a coat of paint, which is a help.
- The play area surface** in the Children's area needs serious upgrade.
- Pathways** need repair.
- The Trim-trail** needs reinstating and perhaps some exercise machines or other outdoor facilities!
- Hedgerows:** Let's improve the perimeter with native species of shrubs and Spring flowers!
- Heritage:** Perhaps we could even introduce a heritage time-line linking in with 'In Bloom' installations .

### Who are the FSMP?

We are a group of local residents who have volunteered to assist the PARISH COUNCIL to raise funds for this refurbishment to make the park available to everyone in the community all year round!

Please join us. Share your ideas with us via the social media! Help us to make this project happen for our community. Join our Facebook page for more info and invite your friends!

## Shevington Diabetes Group

Due to the increase in Diabetes within the nation and the number of patients within our area who have Diabetes, Shevington Patient Participation Group has set up a Diabetes Support Group.

This is an opportunity for people with Diabetes to come along and share/discuss the way they deal with Diabetes as well as getting support from other patients. We will be inviting guest speakers/specialists who work within this area to our meeting along with representatives from the Diabetes UK as well as help from the surgery's NHS professionals.

Come along for a chat and a drink to St Anne's Parish Centre, Church Lane, Shevington on the first Monday of every month (except Bank Holidays). For further information contact **Jane** on **07818641052** for further information.

Shevington Diabetes Group has been running since February, and now have a group of 8-10 participants all with type1 or type2 Diabetes.

The impact on the Group is that we are slowly growing in numbers and, each time we meet, we are continually learning from one another. Some people have Type 1 and carry the new device that is attached to them. They are sharing what that is like for them and also, by talking to one another, they are sharing information. The Group wanted someone to come and talk to them about exercising, so we arranged for someone from Wigan Council to talk to us about keeping healthy with exercise.

Come and talk to us and we can help, if you are interested.

**Tickets £15**

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7.30pm until late

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