

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues?

See it
Report it
Get it LOGGED!!!!

To contact the Police, please ring:
999 (emergency)
or 101 (less urgent)

POLICE

Shevington Surgery's DNAs

The DNA mentioned in this article does not refer to genetic material. It stands for 'Did Not Attend'. Did not attend what?.....

Many people feel ill and make an appointment to see their doctor. Very often the illness is self-limiting and they feel well again before their appointment is due. But, do they remember to let the Surgery know that they will not be attending so that someone else can benefit? More often than not, the answer is 'No!'. Did you know that each missed appointment costs Shevington Surgery £150? (In November and December 2018 the total cost of DNAs at the Surgery came to £2,500.) It also wastes the valuable time of medical personnel and ensures that other patients have to wait two or three weeks for an appointment. So, next time you book an appointment at the Surgery, please be community conscious and think twice before you miss it without letting them know.

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WEA

The Workers' Educational Association is the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education in England and Scotland. Founded in 1903, the WEA is a charity dedicated to bringing high-quality, professional education into the heart of communities. With the support of nearly 3,000 volunteers, 2,000 tutors and over 10,000 members, they deliver friendly, accessible and enjoyable courses for adults from all walks of life.

Assessed 'Good' by Ofsted in 2018, they have classes in almost every area of England and Scotland. You do not need any previous knowledge or qualifications to join most of their courses, only a willingness to share with others your curiosity, ideas and experience.

They also have a special mission to raise aspirations and develop educational opportunities for the most disadvantaged. This includes providing basic Maths, English and IT skills for employment, courses to improve health and wellbeing, creative programmes to broaden horizons and community engagement activities that encourage active citizenship. The WEA's members also help support its mission and campaign for adult education.

Diabetic Support Group

Due to the increase in Diabetes within the nation and the number of patients within our area who have Diabetes, the PPG at Shevington Surgery has set up a Diabetic 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 to our meeting who work within this area along with representatives from 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. We meet on the first Monday of every month (except Bank Holidays). For further information contact Jane on 07818641052.

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Social and Healthcare Taster Day

The WEA will be holding a Social and Healthcare Taster Day on 18 April at Shevington Methodist Church. The session will begin at 6:30pm and last two hours. Interested? - Please come along.

KEY TO WARDS

N: North
S: South
W: West

Local groups are welcome to contribute to future editions of this newsletter. If you would like an item included, please contact the Clerk.

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Your NEWSLETTER

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What Does Your Parish Council Do? We reply to this often asked question

Your Parish Council:

- Safeguards the Green spaces given in Trust to the people of Shevington
- Responds to consultations and lobbies on behalf of Parish residents with a view to improving the environment, the infrastructure and local facilities and reducing anti-social behaviour
- Encourages volunteers and promotes community involvement
- Owns and maintains Shevington Memorial Park and Garden
- Supports 'In Bloom' projects across the Parish and contributes significantly to the displays with 45 Parish Council planters
- Provides the allotments and bowling green at Forest Fold in Appley Bridge
- Bought land at Vicarage Lane in Shevington for the development of sports pitches for rugby and football as well as the creation of new allotments and also purchased woodlands in Crooke to protect them
- Publishes this newsletter and distributes it to every household in the Parish
- Helps maintain Shevington Recreation Ground and contributes to the upkeep of the Parish Church graveyard
- Organises the Remembrance Service at Shevington Memorial each year
- Arranged a display of Remembrance poppies throughout the Parish and bought a figure of 'Our Tommy' (which visited schools, churches and other locations in the Parish) for the community as part of the commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War One
- Found funding for new Christmas lights in Shevington and provides large display Christmas trees (complete with lights) at Shevington village centre, Crooke Village green, Randall's Corner (Booth's) in Appley Bridge and outside Whiteacre Park in Shevington Moor for the communities it serves.
- Provides litter bins at various locations - mainly in green spaces - around the Parish
- Is now actively seeking external grant funding for a £90,000 drainage project and working with the Friends of Shevington Memorial Park for a serious upgrade of Memorial Park and children's playing area.

Precept & Budget 2019

We have set a precept this year of £69,889 - £440 more than last year. It will enable us to fulfil all of our existing maintenance commitments and to continue to support the 'in Bloom' groups in their work and their entries in the 2019 North West in Bloom competition by providing and maintaining 45 planters around the Parish, paying for plants and the watering of many of the flower beds. Because of the increased number of properties in the Parish, when you get your bill you will find that your parish council tax will be the same as last year.

In 2013 we purchased land in Vicarage Lane for use by the community. Last year saw work to convert it into playing fields making progress and this year the allotments site is up and running. We have had the condition of Shevington Memorial Park assessed and are now seeking funding to improve the drainage, having set aside £20,000 towards the costs from reserves.

In 2019 we will again receive a grant from Wigan Council. The annual repayment of the loan for the land purchase would have resulted in the precept having to be increased by £6,000, but we have used the grant and our reserves to keep the precept at a level at which it will have no impact on your household finances. We estimate that on 1 April 2019 our reserves will stand at approximately £42,169.

