

Parish Council Elections

2 May 2019

Now is the time to ensure that your name is on the Electoral Register so that you can support your community and vote. A copy of the Electoral Register for the local area is kept at Shevington Library, so a quick check to make sure your name is there would take no time at all. If you find you are not registered, you can visit Wigan Council's website and register online. You must register by 12 April. You have a right to vote, so don't miss out!!

You may have also shown an interest in becoming a parish councillor. Nomination forms are available from the Clerk or can be obtained by contacting the Elections Office at Wigan Town Hall.

Parish councils depend on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community. Whatever their background, local people serving as councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding to the parish team.

If you are interested or know someone who might just need some encouragement, now is the time to act: get forms and send them off. You do not need to be part of a political party; you may just be interested in helping your community. Parish councils are not party political organisations. Most parish councillors, who are volunteers, find that they make an active contribution by giving 3 hours per week.

Shevington Parish Council is determined to do all it can to help make the Parish a great place to live. We need you to help us deliver that vision by taking an active part. Help Shevington Parish Council to meet your needs by supporting them, and remember: **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

So Who's for Bowling?

Tucked away in Forest Fold (off Miles Lane, Appley Bridge - near Broadriding Road) Shevington Parish Council have a bowling green. For a small membership subscription of £20 per person for the season you may play there at any time over the weekend and during the week, when it is not being used for team fixtures or other events. Anyone under the age of twenty may play for FREE.



The bowling green is open from 8am till sunset daily from 1 April till the end of September. On site facilities include toilets and some shelter from rain. If you bring a packed lunch, we provide litter bins for your refuse. If you are not playing with a team, you will need to provide your own bowls.

Membership forms for 2019 can be downloaded from the Parish Council website, collected from Shevington Library or obtained by emailing the Clerk.

Teams are welcome to book the green for their fixtures. The subscription for the 2018 season is £100. The pavilion is furnished and has tea and coffee making facilities. It can be used for team fixtures by arrangement with Shevington Village Bowling Club.

If you would like to use the bowling green for a single session event, we ask you to make a contribution of £30, payable in advance. For more information, please contact the Clerk.

Bowling is a good form of exercise for people of all ages. As an activity it fits in with many of the principles of The Deal.

Why not join and give it a go?

Fun Bowling Day

Shevington Gardening Club bowling team are holding a fun bowling day on **Sunday, 14 April at 1 pm at Forest Fold Bowling Green**. Entry: £1.00 per person.

It will be a day out for all the family, young and old alike - from complete novices onwards. You don't need your own bowls - they will be provided - and maybe a bit of tuition as well, if needed.

There will be a tombola with loads of prizes. Refreshments will be available.



Great Spring Clean

Wigan's Spring Clean this year, unusually, runs from 22 March to 23 April. Appley Bridge in Bloom have chosen to work on Wednesday, 3 April and are liaising with ABCAGE and ABCA who are planning to pick litter within West Lancashire and Wigan on the following weekend - 6/7 April. If you would like to help out on 3 April, please contact **Eileen Longmore** on 01257 402097 or brileen.longmore@blueyonder.co.uk.

Age-Friendly Recognition

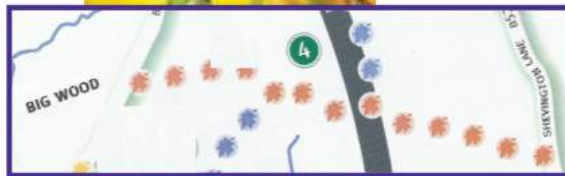
We're delighted to announce that through the networking activities of the Community Association, Shevington and District has been officially recognised as age-friendly by Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham.

Shevington and District have been recognised for all the work that local volunteers do. Together we were able to list over thirty groups that are run by (or for) older members of our community. The Community Association will be planning ways to celebrate this award. We look forward to sharing what we do and learning from others across Greater Manchester.

We'll continue working together to make our area even more age-friendly as well as celebrating the contribution that older people make to ensure this is a great place for people of all ages!

If you're interested in getting involved, then please get in touch. A big 'thank you' to everyone who helped make this award possible.

A Focus on Parish Footpaths



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

Extra Care for Shevington?

Rumours going around that Wigan Council are planning to sell the former Shevington Community Primary School site to developers for housing are totally false. There will be a housing development on the site, but the proposal is that it should consist of Extra Care housing.

What is Extra Care housing?

Extra Care housing combines accommodation with care and support services. There are many different types of Extra Care housing, from small communities of flats and bungalows to retirement villages. The facilities and care provided will vary, but Extra Care housing schemes usually include:

- self-contained adapted apartments or bungalows
- on-site care and support staff, providing personal care and domestic services
- emergency alarms throughout the scheme, with 24-hour help available
- communal facilities and services, such as a lounge, dining area and garden.

New Christmas Decorations

Following the success of the introduction last year of lamp post motifs in the centre of Shevington village, we are, by popular request, looking into expanding the provision for other areas of the Parish.

Who is it for?

The eligibility criteria will depend on the scheme, but residents are usually above a certain age - 50 plus - and able to live safely on their own with some support. If you are part of a couple and one of you has greater care needs, Extra Care housing could make it possible for you to continue to live together. You will usually be required to have a care needs assessment if you're applying for council Extra Care housing. There are two key elements to Extra Care housing:

(a) the accommodation and (b) the care and support services offered.

Accommodation & Care

Each self-contained apartment or bungalow is designed to be user-friendly and will usually have a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and living room, with adaptations and alarms throughout so that residents are able to call for help in an emergency. Some larger Extra Care housing schemes may have facilities such as a hairdresser, GP practice or restaurant on site.

The type of support provided will depend on your needs, which Wigan Council will assess. Care can include help to look after your everyday needs, such as washing and dressing, managing your medication and personal care.

FSMP Quiz Night Success!

Quiz night returned in January in honour of Shevington Memorial Park and what a night it was! St Anne's Church Hall was alive with laughter, fun and banter! £600 was raised for the long-awaited improvements to Shevington Memorial Park! Fantastic!

Lots of new faces turned out to take part, groups of neighbours and husbands vs wives' teams vying to be crowned quiz champions! Thank you to everyone who came along, took part or helped on the night - particularly to our amazing Quiz Master - Jim Maloney. Thanks also to Sheila Milnes, Veronica Maloney and all who contributed to the buffet, supplied prizes for the raffle and helped to make this fun night a great success.

We need to raise upwards of £90,000 towards drainage to resolve the water logging in the park once and for all! The Parish Council have kickstarted this with a £25,000 contribution and are submitting an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

ASDA Token Scheme

Friends of Shevington Memorial Park are delighted to have been chosen as a Community Project by Asda Superstore in Wigan for the green token scheme! If you are shopping in store between **April and June** don't forget to collect your green token at the checkout and help them secure some more funding for the park renovation! All funds raised from the community will be invested directly into designing and implementing a new park layout in line with feedback obtained through community engagement.

To follow progress visit [Facebook.com/FriendsOfSMP](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSMP). If anyone would like to be involved, has any fundraising ideas or would like to make a donation please contact FSMP@outlook.com.