

In Bloom Judging Day

Shevington Memorial Park has been entered in the Small Parks category of the RHS North West in Bloom competition. Judging day was 4 July. It was the only part of Shevington Village that was entered this year, but Shevington in Bloom spent the first part of the Summer preparing the park - and the portfolio that goes with the entry - for its big day. A long list of things to do was compiled and both contractors and volunteers were briefed.

Meanwhile, at Appley Bridge other volunteers had been beavering away to prepare for the Appley Bridge in Bloom and the Incredible Edible entries.

A big 'Thank You' to all of them for their hard work! The judges came and went. Now we sit and wait until October, when we will discover the outcome.

Damage in Elnup Wood

If you have visited Elnup Wood recently you may have spotted that there has been deliberate damage to vegetation and the terrain in general. It has been suggested that this has been done by motorcyclists who make use of the wood for their own purposes.

Trees have been torn down and plants ripped up to create a motorcycle track at the back of houses in High Park. The people responsible have also built a den and have been burning wood. There has also been evidence of alcohol consumption and discarded cigarette packets, amongst other things, around this site.

Shevington Village Bowling Club Open Day

Sunday 11 August
12 noon till 4pm

Come and join us at Forest Fold Bowling Green
Just off Miles Lane,
Appley Bridge

Bowls will be provided
Light refreshments available
Free Car Park

Entry £1 each

There is more than one track and motorbikes have been heard in the woods on a few occasions, despite there being signs around saying that motorbikes are not allowed in the woods. The Police have investigated and have found push-bike tracks in the vicinity of the damage, suggesting that cyclists may also be involved.

Elnup Wood is meant to be a haven for wildlife. Quiet pursuits such as walking and fishing do not scare the wildlife, but noise, such as that produced by motorcycles, and the destruction of their habitat drives wildlife away. There are many places where (motor)cycle tracks are provided for people to practice on legitimately - please use these rather than destroying what little woodland we have left.

Vehicle Theft Alert!

A BMW car and a motorbike were recently stolen from outside a house in Prince's Park and from outside a house in Churchfield respectively. Both were taken whilst their owners were in the houses. Residents of Shevington - please be alert!

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

Have Pride in Your Parish
DON'T Fly Tip
Take it to THE Tip!



Shevington Fete

On Saturday, 22 June, the sixth Shevington & District Community Fete took place under a gloriously sunny sky, which drew out more crowds from across the village than ever before.

Over 70 stallholders attended, with goods for sale and information available on the Recreation Ground, Youth Club, Methodist Church and St Anne's Parish Rooms. Mayor Stephen Dawber opened proceedings in the music marquee, which later saw performances from a variety of acts from the local area.

Children's rides, an entertainer, a climbing wall, mobile farm and circus skills workshop kept the youngsters of the village very busy and for the first time donkey rides were available; thankfully those queuing for a ride weren't too far from an ice cream van!

Park and Ride courtesy of Driven taxis took dozens of people to and from the car park at Shevington High, while the good weather meant many people could walk into the village and pop into local businesses along the way - many of whom put on their own fete day celebrations.

Committee members are now inviting feedback from fete day - whether positive comments or with suggestions for improvement - and hope that fete 2020 will match the success of this year's event.

Email shevingtonfete@outlook.com with your comments or to join the committee!

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Quiz Night

Another of Jim Maloney's excellent fund-raising quiz nights was held at St Anne's Hall on Friday evening - 28 June! This time the funds raised will go towards the provision of information boards to explain the five trees planted to commemorate the 1914-18 war. For each year of the war an English Oak was planted - one in each of the five communities of Shevington with Lower Ground ward. It was a fun evening and on this occasion we were joined by Mayor of Wigan, though this time without the trappings of his Office!

Thanks to all those who contributed to the buffet and to the raffle and also generously purchased raffle tickets to boost the funds. Andrew Moakes was auctioneer and raised another £70. Chief thanks must go to Jim and Veronica Maloney for the excellent organisation of the quiz and the compiling of the questions. Thanks, Jim and thank you, Veronica.

Fundraising for Appley Bridge in Bloom

Saturday, 8 June this year was forecast to be the coldest and wettest June day in most people's memory, but the group had been planning this event for some months and, apart from any other consideration, the cakes and pies were already in their ovens when David Booth, owner of our planned site, contacted the group. He had offered gazebos and tables on the grass, as in previous years, but was the first to recognise that this was not on and saved the day by offering to clear a double garage for the event, for which he deserves a medal!

Our group is also eternally grateful to the local people who braved the weather to attend. Incredibly, more money was raised than in previous years in this atmosphere of shared adversity, which is already being spent to beautify the village. Huge thanks to all from the committee.

Bright Days ~ Age UK Wigan Borough

Soup & Sandwich - most Mondays (except Bank Holidays) - 11:30 to 13:00
Fresh sandwiches, soup and cake in a friendly environment - Cost: £3
Shevington Methodist Church, Gathurst Lane, Shevington, WN6 8GL.
If you are over 50 or have a disability, you are very welcome.



A Focus on Parish Footpaths



Shevington Bowling Green

at Forest Fold, Miles Lane, Shevington

Open Daily ~ 8 am until Sunset
(1 April to 30 September)

Individual Membership:
£20

Application forms are available from Shevington Library, Shevington Bowling Green & the Clerk to the Parish Council

For information about team and single event booking rates, please contact the Clerk on 01257 473022