

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues?

See it
Report it
Get it LOGGED!!!!



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

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Digital-Wigan/Get-online.aspx>

Make the Most of Our Village

The CA has two transit wheelchairs which can be borrowed, short term, free of charge by anyone with a temporary mobility issue.

Help Plan Events

Shevington Fete, the Gardening Club Show and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are all on our agenda!

Help Reach Others

We are proud of our caring and friendly community but also want to explore new opportunities and ensure that we let everyone know what's available. That's to be the topic on 29 March when some key Wigan Council officers will be at our meeting.

For more information about the Community Association, please contact the secretary: **Sheila Milnes** on **01257 253735** or **sheila.milnes@gmail.com**.

Contact Us

Cllr Bill McKnight (W) (Chairman): 01257 253033
Cllr Jessica Higham (S): (Vice Chair): 07760 394805
Cllr John Ball (S): 07762 548589
Cllr John Whiteley (S): 01257 423342
Cllr Mike Grimes (W): 07469 803799
Cllr Chris Horridge (W): 01257 404070
Cllr Mike Crosby (N): 07340 548174
Cllr Vicky Galligan (N): 07977 922179
Cllr Ira Whiteley (N): 01257 423342

Visit our websites:

www.shevingtonparishcouncil.net
www.shevingtonpc.gov.uk

Shevington & District CA *What's Going On?*

Join us on the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

We work to make this a great place to live in liaison with our Parish Council and our Wigan Metro Ward Councillors. The CA is one of the places in the area where you can raise the profile of a voluntary group that you already belong to, or where you can hear about what else goes on locally.

Community Litter Pick

Meet outside the Library at 10am on Saturday 26th March. Equipment supplied.

Get Digital

Bring your device to the free drop-in on Fridays, 10.30am to 12noon. (Shevington Methodist Church Lounge) for support with basic digital skills. Tell us more about what you might need from a Library based computer class. We hope to get them back up and running soon.

Become a 'TechMate'

You'll help transform lives

Shevington United Charities

Trustees Wanted

The SUC is a small Trust set up by the Parish Council in 1900 to administer the funds generated by four small Charities to provide financial support for the poor of the Parish. The Parish Council are responsible for appointing three of the Trustees. We have two vacancies which we would like to fill. If you would like more information and are interested, please contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

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.

Clerk to the Council Krystyna Pilkington 01257 473022

13 Christleton, Shevington,
Wigan, WN6 8DQ
email: clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk

Your NEWSLETTER



No.59 Shevington Parish Council March 2022

Planning for the Queen's *Platinum Jubilee*

As we all know, 6 February marked the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne 70 years ago. She is the first monarch in this country ever to have reigned for such a long period of time and is likely to be the only monarch to have ever done so for years to come.

The Parish Council have agreed to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee by planting a West Himalayan Birch tree at each of four locations: Shevington Memorial Park, Crooke Village Green, Woodnook Road Open Space in Shevington Vale / Appley Bridge and Whiteacre Park in Shevington Moor.

The suggestion that a West Himalayan birch tree should be planted as a memento for the whole Parish in the Memorial Garden was originally put forward by members of Shevington in Bloom. The Parish Council thought this was a wonderful idea. However, the Council recognises that the Parish is composed of several communities and decided to extend the project to each of those communities.

This will be a multi-community project. The Parish Council will provide the trees and a community group based in each area will plant and nurture the tree in their area.



Parish Council Budget & Precept 2022-23

This year we have set a precept of £80,651, which is £2,791 higher than last year. This is an annual increase of 47p for Band A properties and 71p for Band D properties. It means that each household is being asked to pay 3% more than it did last year. As we all know, costs have risen by an average of 7% over the past year and to fulfil our commitments of supporting 'In Bloom' groups, Christmas lights, allotments and other community services that we provide, we will still need to use some of our remaining reserves. The improvement of the Memorial Park is a major project that is long overdue. Our Lottery Bid was cancelled due to COVID and we are looking at alternative ways to pay for the work. The Council Tax Support grant we receive from Wigan Council will again cover the cost of our loan repayments for Vicarage Lane Fields. This grant helps us to keep the precept as low as we can. We want to ensure that the Parish continues to be a great place to live and every penny of our income goes towards delivering this.

Private Vehicles and the GM Clean Air Zone

Julie Middlehurst (an Assistant Director at Wigan Council) briefed the Parish Council's Policy & General Purposes Committee on the town and city areas where charges will be imposed on the owners of "older dirty commercial vehicles" from May 2022 (- now delayed until 2024). Very importantly, it must be understood that these charges will only be imposed on old **commercial** vehicles. Charges will **NOT** apply to any private vehicles. The Strategic Road Network - motorways and trunk roads - will not be affected.

Taxis, coaches, minibuses, buses, HGVs and LGVs will be subject to a charge if they are over a certain age. Petrol vehicles newer than 2005 and diesel vehicles newer than 2014 will **NOT** be charged and emergency vehicles are exempt.