



NEWSLETTER

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Success Story

Vicarage Lane Traffic issues on matchdays

Shevington Parish Council understands the parking difficulties experienced by residents on busy matchdays and has regularly raised these concerns with the site's management team.

We're pleased to have supported and given permission for the creation of **additional parking through grant funding**. Thanks to the dedication of local volunteers and a collective effort, previously unused land has been transformed using protective ground matting.

The area is already in use, with full capacity expected next spring once the grass has established.

We're proud to support local sport while recognising the importance of minimising disruption to residents. We encourage local supporters to **walk to matches where possible**, helping to keep parking available for visiting teams and supporters.

Our thanks to everyone involved in delivering these improvements.



Community Updates

Memorial Park – Drainage Improvements

Visitors may have noticed that Memorial Park has remained remarkably dry despite recent heavy rainfall, following completion of the main drainage works. Contractors will continue to monitor performance, with secondary surface drainage planned for the new year.

The Council is also developing plans for footpath improvements and additional tree planting over the coming months.



KEEPING SHEVINGTON BLOOMING

We've received lovely feedback on this year's floral displays!

The Parish Council funds the seasonal planting and maintenance of 42 planters across the parish.

Our thanks to **Moss Nurseries** for the beautiful displays and **Shevington in Bloom** for their continued efforts with their beds and additional planters keeping our community looking its best!



What's On in Shevington

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Christmas in Shevington

Preparations are underway for Christmas in Shevington!

The Parish Council is getting the festive street lights ready and arrangements are in place for this year's Christmas tree.

We'll also be bringing back our popular Christmas Shop Window Display Competition, with further details announced shortly. Congratulations again to Asteria Beauty in Appley Bridge, last year's winners!

It's wonderful to see our local businesses and residents embracing the festive spirit and helping to make Shevington sparkle at Christmas!

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Remembrance Sunday

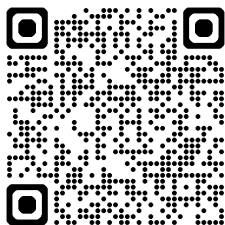
Remembrance Sunday – 8 November 2026

Shevington Parish Council warmly invites residents to join our annual Remembrance Sunday parade and service.

The parade will assemble outside **AB Hardware, Broad O'th Lane, between 10:00 and 10:30 am**, before proceeding to Shevington War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance at **10:55 am**, followed by a service at St Anne's Church.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we honour those who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Lest We Forget. 🌸



Check out the Community Calendar for more details on groups, events and local support

You can even check **which bin colour is due when!** SCAN THE QR code or visit our website community section.

National Award for Cllr John Whiteley 🏆



Shevington Parish Council is delighted to congratulate **Cllr John Whiteley**, 81, who has been named Volunteer of the Year by the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs.

John has served as Secretary and Treasurer of **Shevington Youth Club** since 2012, dedicating up to 15 hours each week to supporting its day-to-day running. His tireless work helps ensure the club and community centre remain welcoming, affordable spaces for young people and local community groups.

John's dedication to volunteering extends beyond Shevington, including three years supporting education in Uganda. His wife, Ira, also devoted ten years to volunteering at the youth club.

This prestigious national recognition is thoroughly deserved.

The Parish Council extends its warmest congratulations and heartfelt thanks to John for his outstanding commitment to our community.

Feedback on your newsletter



Thanks for the valuable comments last time around, we've increased the font size

Scan the QR code for future suggestions, or email us.



A Lasting Tribute to Dr Surman

A commemorative plaque has been unveiled in memory of **Dr Surman**, recognising his remarkable contribution to our community and his role in establishing Wigan & Leigh Hospice.

The tree was planted several months ago, with a small dedication ceremony recently held to unveil the plaque. The event was publicised on Facebook and shared with local community groups, with attendance necessarily limited by its roadside location.

The Reverend offered words of remembrance, a representative from Wigan & Leigh Hospice shared a touching statement from Dr Surman's family, and the Parish Council Chairman unveiled the plaque.

Situated beside the former dispensary and opposite the hospice shop, the tree and plaque provide a lasting tribute to Dr Surman's service and legacy.

Residents are warmly encouraged to visit the memorial at any time to reflect and pay their respects.



Millbrook Primary School Celebrates Double Award Success!

Millbrook Primary School has received two prestigious awards recognising its outstanding commitment to protecting bees, supporting pollinators and caring for the environment.

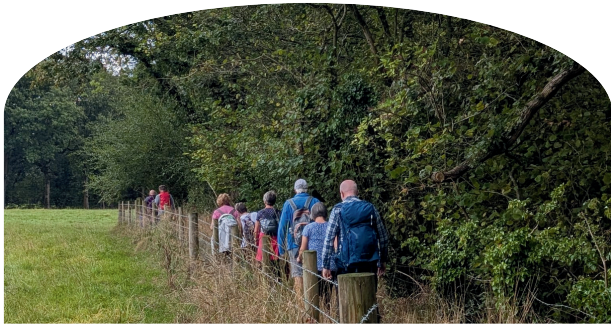
The school was awarded both the **Bee Friendly Award** and **DEFRA's Bees' Needs Award**, celebrating the fantastic efforts of pupils and staff to create a more wildlife-friendly environment.

From planting wildflowers to developing pollinator-friendly habitats, pupils have worked together to improve biodiversity across the school grounds while learning about the importance of protecting nature.

Staff praised the children's enthusiasm and were delighted to see their hard work recognised. The school hopes these achievements will inspire further environmental projects in the future.

Congratulations to everyone at Millbrook Primary School on this fantastic achievement! 🐝 🌻





Parish Walk

Parish Walk Raises £90 for Hospice

Our recent Parish Walk, led by **Cllr Mike Grimes**, was well attended and raised a fantastic **£90 for Wigan & Leigh Hospice**.

Starting at Shevington Methodist Church, the route took walkers through the Recreation Ground, Church Lane, Elnup Wood and past Shevington High School, before crossing the fields towards Appley Bridge and Calico Brook Golf Club, returning to the village.

A big thank you to **Shevington Methodist Church** for its warm hospitality, to Mike for leading the walk, and to everyone who joined us!

Our Parish Walk takes place annually on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Everyone is welcome! It's a great opportunity to socialise, enjoy the local countryside and get those steps in!



Crooke Village Update

Crooke Village – Flood Prevention

Positive progress is being made to help reduce the risk of flooding in Crooke Village.

The **Environment Agency** has undertaken work in Lawns Wood, including new dams and trenches designed to slow and redirect floodwater.

Meanwhile, **Crooke Village Residents' Association (CVRA)** has secured £750 in local authority funding, generously matched by **Jigsaw Housing**, towards additional flood barriers and secure storage.

Further funding opportunities are being explored to strengthen the village's flood defences.

A big thank you to everyone involved in these community-led efforts. Residents wishing to learn more or get involved are encouraged to contact **Crooke Village Residents' Association**.



Shevington Parish Council

Nine councillors across three wards: **North, West, and South**.
Elections every four years.



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