

Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter

Issue 226 - May 2021

News items for the Newsletter should go to the Editor, Rita Waters, Dingley Dell, Westbury, Shrewsbury SY5 9QX
Tel: 01743 884434, email: newsletter.editor.wy@gmail.com

Business adverts and any new businesses wishing to place adverts should also contact the Editor preferably by email.
Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must reach me by : for the June 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 24 May 2021
and for the July 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 21 June 2021.

Westbury Village Hall

Westbury Parish Council : Due to the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 virus, until further notice, Westbury Parish Council meetings are being conducted remotely using "Zoom" software. It is hoped that a "live" Annual Meeting of Electors and the Annual Meeting will be held at Westbury Village Hall on Thursday, 20 May 2021 at 7.30pm. Should any member of the public wish to join these meetings, it is requested that they first contact : Mrs Sarah Smith, Parish Clerk and RFO by email: <clerkwypc@aol.co.uk>. [website : www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk).

Westbury WI : Due to the Covid-19 virus, all meetings are held either outdoors in a member's garden at 2.00pm or - if that is not possible - are held later that day indoors remotely via Zoom. The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at Penelope Harrison's home when Frances Peake will speak about the holiday business and also show photographs. For more information, please telephone Beryl Johnson, Westbury WI Secretary (01743 884950) or email: berylanderic@icloud.com; or call Jill Jones (01743 884414) or Cilla Perry (01743 891148).

Westbury Indoor Bowls Club : has been closed due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 virus. Dave would like to send best wishes to all Club members and is looking forward to getting together again at sometime in the future. For more information, please call Dave Williams on 01743 884553..

Westbury Photography Club: Due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 virus, the Club will not be meeting again until advised by Government that it will be safe to do so. For more information please email Robert Williams: robertwilliams6@mac.com.

Hall Hire : Due to the Covid-19 virus, the Village Hall will not be available for bookings until further notice. For more information, please contact Bella 07707639124 (Mobile) (Voice/Text) or email: childsbella@icloud.com

Westbury Exercise Group : Due to the Covid-19 virus, all future meetings have been postponed until further notice. For more information, please send an email to Ruth Morriss: rmorriss73@gmail.com, or leave a voice message or text on 07788123380 (Mobile).

Westbury Youth Club :The "physical" Youth Club has closed; however - conscious that the Covid-19 virus situation is putting a huge strain on everyone, Lee and Hayley are keeping in touch with the young people and will run a "virtual" Youth Club, which is being advertised through their Facebook page. For further information, call Richard Parkes, Chief Executive Officer, Shropshire Youth Association. Tel: 01743 730005 or 07710095802 (Mobile).

Long Mountain CoE Primary School and the Pre-School : operates at Worthen and - during term time - is normally open five days each week from 9.00am - 3.00pm. The School also offers "Wrap Around Care" from 7.45am to 6.00pm during term time, for children registered at the school and aged three years and over. Mrs Bethany Rowe is the new Head Teacher at the School. For more information, please contact Long Mountain CoE Primary School on 01743 891320.

West Shropshire Flower Club : Unfortunately, with worsening conditions, meetings have been cancelled and the AGM has been postponed. For more information, please call Liz Dawson (01938 570235) or visit: info@brimford.co.uk.

Yockleton Victory Hall

Yockleton W I : With the proposed easing of restrictions, arrangements have now been made to meet again at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 7 July 2021 when there will be a talk entitled "Past, Present and Future of The Flax Mill, Shrewsbury". For more information, please contact Daphne Goodwin, WI Secretary on (01743 884524) or email: briangoodwin488@btinternet.com.

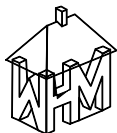
Rea Valley Young Farmers Club : for details of future meetings, please telephone : Rebecca Beckett on : 07528 944632 (Mobile).

Hall Hire : Due to the Covid-19 virus, the Village Hall will not be available for bookings until further notice. For more information, please telephone Samantha on 01743 821360.

Wombrook Home Maintenance

Improvements, repairs and maintenance, in and around the home.

Decorating Tiling Plumbing
Carpentry Fences
Bathrooms Kitchens
Odd jobs & more



All work is completed to meticulous standards, fully guaranteed and insured. References are willingly supplied – please ask.

Call Steve Percival: 01743 860712 / 0794 0894378



Paul Jones
Plumbing & Heating
Engineer

Plumbing, heating, gas work,
bathrooms, tiling, taps etc
Over 30 years experience



Tel: 01743 341902 or 07837 950461



Nigel Farr
FARM SERVICES
(Westbury) Limited

General Agricultural Retailers



Clothing Tools
Spares Fencing
Building Supplies
Plumbing and Drainage
Animal Husbandry

Monday Friday 8.00 - 5.30 Saturday 8.30 - 1.00

The Garage, Westbury

Telephone 01743 884707 Fax 01743 884107



Locksmiths



LOCAL AND INDEPENDENT

NO CALL OUT CHARGES
FREE SECURITY ADVICE

**WOODEN, UPVC DOOR LOCKS,
WINDOW LOCKS**

**ANTIQUE LOCKS and RURAL SECURITY
IDP LOCKSMITHS (IAN)**

BASED IN WHITCHURCH COVERING SHROPSHIRE

Tel : 01948 66616 Mobile : 07918 617744

Email : idplocksmiths@hotmail.co.uk

Website : www.idp-locksmiths.co.uk

J.C.B and Plant Hire

J.C.B 3CX

14 ton 360°

3.5 ton 360° 1.5 ton Mini Digger 7 ton Dumper

Les Hurdley

Telephone 01743 884479

Mobile 07711 205 555

West Mercia Police

Now that Westbury Post Office has closed and Police Surgeries are no longer held there, much of the information contained in the Newsletters produced by the Shrewsbury Rural West and District's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) based at Pontesbury Police Station, will be of interest to residents of Westbury, Yockleton and surrounding hamlets and can be viewed on the Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter website: wylocalnews.co.uk or, to view issues of these SNT Newsletters and to view the Police Events Calendar, please follow the link below :

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2993/Team-Calendar-and-Events?amonth=2&ayear=2018&submit=Go>

NB : If the Police are attending any events in Westbury, these will be added to their Calendar.

To view the January 2021 SNT Newsletter, please follow this link : <https://wylocalnews.co.uk/police-news>

Anti-Social Behaviour

0345 678 9020 is the Dedicated Reporting Line for Anti-Social Behaviour operated by Shropshire Council in partnership with a number of agencies including the Police. Please use this number to report any anti-social behaviour. All calls are recorded and followed up by the agencies involved.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team member is Saf Ali and Police Volunteer Arthur Jones is still opening Pontesbury Police Station on Wednesday evenings between 4.00pm and 7.00pm, should you need to attend for for any issue. We have a sign that we put outside the Station if there is an officer on the premises, so - if anyone is passing and wants advice - please call in.

If anyone requires a "home" visit or wants to discuss anything, please just ring me : PC Cookson on 101 Ext 66645 or use my

Work Mobile : 07814 042410 (Duty Hours)

or email us via: shrewsburyrw.sent@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

If you need to report any crime, please call West Mercia on the 101 number or report anything anonymously through :

Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

Please do not email to report a crime. Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress, or when life is in danger. For none emergencies please call 101.

(continued on Page 3)

Disclaimer

The Editor reserves the right to cut, edit or refuse to publish any contribution and does not necessarily endorse opinions expressed by the contributors. Whilst care has been taken in compiling the Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter, no liability can be accepted whatsoever for any errors, inaccuracies or omissions, or for any matter in any other way connected with or arising out of the publication of the Newsletter.

Police Matters

I am pleased to say that everything appears to be “quiet” at the moment and I think everyone is starting to get out a little more and enjoying the weather and the outdoor lifestyle we have been craving. Please continue to keep an eye out for strange vehicles and either let me know or ring 101. I have had a few calls recently about unusual vehicles and thankfully they have checked out to local keepers with genuine reasons for being where they were..

Please ensure that “expensive” items are locked or chained when not in use. Colleagues in Shrewsbury have seen an increase in thefts from vehicles and garages on the housing estates within the town overnight and this includes expensive bicycles - which is another item that requires “bolting down” - even when in a garage.

Check that your security lights are still working and make sure you “lock up” in the evening to prevent unwanted visitors from helping themselves. If you would like me to visit and take a walk around your property, please give me a call on 07814 042410.

Following complaints from locals - there will be some Speed Enforcement Checks being conducted in both Westbury and Yockleton over the next few months.

Stay safe and please get in touch with any questions or concerns.

Please continue to lock up outbuildings and report any sightings via 101 and also via some of the excellent community Facebook pages to alert your neighbours that they are about.

I am still working as usual and if you would like me to have a walk around your property to give security advice, please get in touch. I can manage to shout over two metres, but I am missing my usual cups of tea, which would be a pre-requisite for a visit !

As always, keep garages, sheds and outbuildings locked and - if possible - alarmed. Simple battery powered alarms have improved and noise is always a good deterrent if a thief has managed to get into your “Lock Up”. Quad bikes and push bikes continue to be popular amongst thieves, so both need chaining up/bolting down.

Security marking can help recover stolen items and there are a number of options available. Please remain vigilant and ensure everything gets locked all the time - not just last thing at night. Keep in touch with your neighbours by telephone and - for those who use social media - post strange vehicles and unusual events. Neighbourhood Watch is nothing complicated or formal. It's just keeping an eye out, but also letting others know - including me - if you have the registration numbers of vehicles that don't look or feel right. It doesn't matter if it is via Facebook, WhatsApp or a text message. Email me via :

shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

If you have outside lights and security lights, make sure they are working. Any garden ornaments of value or interest need to be well secured, as do power tools and garden equipment, as they remain a desirable item for opportunist night-time thieves.

Please be aware of any unusual callers to your house or area, even those who may make themselves look legitimate by offering gardening services or asking for directions. Always try and make a note of vehicle registration numbers or anything distinctive about

Continued overleaf...



01743 344646

133 LONGDEN COLEHAM * SHREWSBURY * SY3 7DN

www.pughsfuneraldirectors.com



*Specialists in the design,
construction and management of
quality gardens.*

*Duncan Batten
N.D.F. F.N.D*

01938 580738

07710 469665

Hignetts of Pontesbury Ltd

Established 1919

Retailers of Quality Foods

Fresh meat, Fruit and Vegetables, Fresh Bread,
Pies and Buns, all baked on the premises.
A range of Sausages and Burgers
made to our own recipes.
Fresh Flowers and Plants
Groceries at Competitive Prices

PLANNING SERVICES



- In-house preparation of plans & drawings by qualified architectural technician
- Agricultural planning applications
- Applications for affordable dwellings
- Domestic extensions
- Building regulations
- Project management

Contact Louise Preece or Shaun Jones on
01743 450 700 or louise@halls.gb.com / shaunj@halls.gb.com

Advertise your Business in our Newsletter

£2.50 per month Standard Size Advert
(7.9cms x 5.43cms) in landscape format.

For more information, please email the Editor

**newsletter.editor.wy@gmail.com and
See our new website :**

J.A.B. SELF STORAGE

SHROPSHIRE & MID WALES

24 hour CCTV with Security Lighting

Under cover, clean, dry Units

Good access to hard standing

Security gated with Personal Key to Unit

Removal Service available

Quality Boxes and Packing Materials
for Sale

30 years experience in the Storage
Business

Situated on the B4386
Yockleton to Westbury Road

Tel: 01743 884418

Mobile: 07422668359

www.jabselfstorage.com

Martin Walters

High Quality Traditional Joiner

Doors

Sash and Casement Windows
Stairs and Continuous Handrail
Furniture
Arched and Curved Work

~~~~~

Joinery Repairs  
Splicing  
Replacement Sash Cording  
Pulleys, Fasteners and  
Ironmongery

~~~~~

Upgrades
Draught Exclusion
Double Glazing

~~~~~

25 years trade experience

Free Consultation and Quote

Telephone : 07813 477720 (Mobile)

Email : [martin.walters@phonecoop.coop](mailto:martin.walters@phonecoop.coop)

## PEAKES TRAVEL ELITE

Award winning established, family run and  
totally independent Travel Agent

Tailormade holidays and flight only  
a speciality. All aspects of travel covered.

Tailor made and long haul : 01743 231080

Europe, short haul & flight only : 01743 233234

**LOCAL – INDEPENDENT – RELIABLE**

ABTA E6077

## WESTBURY VILLAGE HALL

Closed until further notice due to Covid-19 virus



Normally available for hire for private, business and official functions.  
Three sound-proofed and acoustically superior rooms with folding  
partitions providing one large area when opened. Excellent and modern  
kitchen, bar and toilet facilities.

Fully licensed - Spacious car park.

Refurbished covered ball court marked out for football, tennis and net-  
ball with electric floodlighting for night use.

To book at affordable rates, please contact Bella on  
07707 639124 (Voice/Text) or [childsbella@icloud.com](mailto:childsbella@icloud.com)

## Police Matters continued ...

the vehicle and callers.

The “What’s on in Westbury” Facebook page is a great way to  
warn everyone quickly about anything suspicious and gives  
others the chance to be vigilant.

Recently, we have been very busy with some problems in  
Hanwood and Longden and it has been consuming our time.

As stated above, please only contact the Police in an emergency  
- but we are available for all general advice via our mobile  
phones and email addresses.

P C Ross Cookson 1324

SNT Shrewsbury Rural West

Police Wildlife Crime Officer

Telephone : 101 Ext. **7704803**

Work Mobile : 07814 042410 (Duty Hours)

**Group Mailbox:** [shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

**Rural SNT based at:** Pontesbury Police Station, Minsterley Road,  
Pontesbury. SY5 0QH

**Website :** [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

*Please do not rely on email to report crime, in an emergency dial 999  
or telephone via 101.*

## Refuse and Recycling Services

**Wednesdays, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May - Green and  
Recycling**

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May - Refuse**

The Household Recycling Centres are open Monday to Sunday  
from 9am - 5pm.

For Household Recycling Centres’ Guidance Notes  
and Specific Site Rules, please check their website :

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/household-recycling-centres>

*Editor*





architectural design | planning | building

t 01743 884 885

Extensions

m 07875 546 842

Renovations

e info@ajbdesignandbuild.co.uk

Conversions

w www.ajbdesignandbuild.co.uk

New Builds

**Call now for free project advice**

## Ian Owen Motor Services

The Bungalow Garage

Halfway House

Shrewsbury SY5 9DU

**MoTs - SIX Days a Week  
by Appointment**

**Full Workshop Facilities Available**

**Service : Repairs**

**Tyres : Valeting**

**Used Car Sales**



Call  
**01743 884023**



## Neil Davies 4X4

Land Rover Specialist

4x4's, Car & Commercial

All Vehicles Welcome for Servicing, Repairs,  
Tyres & MOT's, Recovery & Breakdown

Specialist in Land Rover Autologic Diagnostics  
Engine Tuning & Power Upgrades

Unit D4, Lower House Farm, Stoney  
Stretton, Shrewsbury, SY5 9PZ

01743 821 546 or 07802 515 881



**SUPPLIERS OF COAL, LOGS AND GAS BOTTLES  
COAL AVAILABLE IN OPEN TOP SACKS**

**AND PRE-PACKED BAGS**

**ALL FUELS AVAILABLE INC SMOKELESS**

**FREE DELIVERY**

**RING US ON 01743 241122 or**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.ridgefuels.co.uk](http://www.ridgefuels.co.uk)**

**PLEASE QUOTE REF 013 ON YOUR FIRST ORDER  
TO GET YOUR "NEW CUSTOMER PACK"**

## Yockleton 100 Club Prizewinners

**April**

**2021 Draw**

1st Prize : £25

Perry Turner

(No 88)

2nd Prize : £15

Christopher Bromley

(No 9)

3rd Prize : £10

Mr and Mrs I Holland

(No 28)

4th Prize : £5

Cathryn Brown

(nee Leask)

(No 20)

5th Prize : £5

Mr John Turner

(No 47)

6th Prize : £5

Sheila Crowther

(No 39)

*Liz Bromley*



**Drop-In for  
Coffee**

**@**

**St Mary's  
on  
Wednesday  
mornings**

Sessions  
cancelled until  
further notice  
due to the  
Covid 19 virus  
situation

## Westley House Farm

(situated between Westbury and Minsterley)

Secure Indoor/Outdoor

**Caravan Storage**

Also Boats : Cars : Trailers

**Self Storage**

7 day access to all areas

01743 791263

andy@westleyhousefarm.co.uk

## UNDERHILL CARPENTRY

High Quality Carpentry and Joinery

Fitted Kitchens and Bathrooms

Gates and Fencing

Brickwork Repairs and Pointing

Traditional and Double Glazing

John Loines 01743 821302 Family Business Est 1947

## Halfway House Garage

(on the crossroads)

**Halfway House**



MOT's : Servicing : Repairs : Valeting Servi  
ce to Cars, Minibuses and Classic Cars

MOT's by appointment : Monday to Friday

**Please phone Russell Hughes : 01743 885270**

Subscribe to our new website with a chance to  
win prizes every month !!

<https://halfwayhousegarage.com/wekeepyouonthemove.com>



## Ben Morris

**JIB Approved Electrician**

Call: 07966 788791

Quotations: 01743 792013

[www.benmorriselectrical.co.uk](http://www.benmorriselectrical.co.uk)

**'Efficient friendly service from an experienced  
local Electrician'**

**VAT free**

**Competitive Hourly Rates**

**Specialist in House Rewiring**

**Inspection & Testing of Properties**

**Fit your own newly purchased lights etc.**

**Free Quotations**

**Fully Insured**

**Extra Sockets & Lights installed (no job too small)**

**All work certified and notified to building control (Part P)**

## Kiwi Tree & Garden Services

Rob Petri

Qualified Arborist (R.F.S CERT)

Fully insured

Tree Surgery, Hedges, General

Garden work,

Lawns, Fencework

**mobile 07855933621**

email: [rbpetri@gmail.com](mailto:rbpetri@gmail.com)



## **Westbury W I**

**Meeting held via Zoom**

**at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 14 April 2021**

Members present were : President Jill Jones, Secretary Beryl Johnson  
and Penelope, Christine, Connie and Rachel.

The President welcomed members and our Speaker Penelope Harrison who demonstrated fresh flowers and carried out four arrangements which were lovely and used Roses, Tulips and greenery.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 2.30pm at Penelope's house, when Frances Peake will talk about the holiday business and will also show us photographs.

Members are requested to wear masks and to bring cups, cakes and their own cushions.

In June, we hope to visit a garden and - as Secretary - I can find a garden to visit.

*Beryl Johnson : Secretary : 01743 884950  
Email: berylanderic@icloud.com*

### **POSTAGE STAMPS FOR CHARITY**

Please keep saving Used Postage Stamps  
to help raise funds for

#### **Bransby Horses**

The horses, ponies, mules and donkeys in their care still have to be fed, receive veterinary treatment etc and Bransby does wonderful rehabilitation care for the animals it rescues from some appalling conditions.

Stamps can be left for me at :

The Oaklands, Station Road, Westbury,  
Shrewsbury. SY5 9QX  
(by the former Post Office)

There is a free-standing mail box by the double  
gates on our driveway.

Many thanks to everyone who has  
donated stamps so far.

*Alex Tucker*

### **ALBERBURY MONDAY CLUB**

With the "Lockdown" easing, we hope to resume Coach Trips throughout the Summer.

On Monday, 24 May 2021 we are planning a Horse Drawn One Hour Canal Boat Ride which will include crossing the Aqueduct near Chirk, followed by an afternoon stay in Llangollen.

On Monday, 21 June 2021 we intend having a Day Trip to Aberystwyth.

For further details and to make a booking - if interested - please telephone :

Pauline Jones  
on  
01743 365201

*David Thomas*

## Forthcoming Church Services : May - June 2021

| Date            | Venue                         | Time                           | Festival                                                                                    |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 2 May   | Zoom<br>Westbury              | 09.30am<br>11.00am             | Easter 4                                                                                    |
| Sunday, 9 May   | Zoom<br>Yockleton<br>Westbury | 09.30 am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am | Easter 5<br>Rogation<br>Morning Praise                                                      |
| Sunday, 16 May  | Zoom<br>Worthen               | 09.30am<br>11.00am             | Sunday after<br>Ascension                                                                   |
| Sunday, 23 May  | Zoom<br>Westbury<br>Worthen   | 09.30am<br>11.00am<br>2.00pm   | Whit Sunday<br>Pentecost<br>Afternoon Outdoor<br>Songs of Praise - with<br>favourite hymns) |
| Sunday, 30 May  | Zoom<br>Yockleton             | 09.30am<br>11.00am             | Trinity Sunday                                                                              |
| Sunday, 6 June  | Zoom<br>Worthen               | 09.30am<br>11.00am             | Trinity 1                                                                                   |
| Sunday, 13 June | Zoom<br>Yockleton<br>Westbury | 09.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.00am  | Trinity 2<br><br>Morning Praise                                                             |
| Sunday, 20 June | Zoom<br>Westbury<br>Worthen   | 09.30am<br>11.00am<br>18.00pm  | Trinity 3<br><br>Evensong                                                                   |
| Sunday. 27 June | Zoom<br>Worthen               | 09.30am<br>11.00am             | Trinity 4                                                                                   |

NB : Zoom Services - access codes/invitations from the Rector. "In Person" services all begin at 11.00

*Revd. David Moss  
Rector for the Parishes of Westbury, Worthen and Yockleton  
The Rectory, Westbury. Tel: 01743 884165  
Email: davidmosswwy@gmail.com*

### Shropshire Star

If you would like to access and read the Shropshire Star on line on your computer or mobile device, so that you can read it anywhere (as I have done for several years), for more information, you can call their Customer Service Team on 0800 174 064 or email them at :

[operations@mnamedia.co.uk](mailto:operations@mnamedia.co.uk) or [marketing@shropshirestar.co.uk](mailto:marketing@shropshirestar.co.uk)

Enjoy the latest edition of the Newspaper - wherever you are - with the Shropshire Star Newspaper Application which has recently been rebuilt to improve performance, given a design refresh and fixed many bugs in the process!

*Editor*

## Reflections

This time of year has to be the most precious, full of hope, new life and the weather of late has been stunning; the famous hymn "*How great thou art*" proclaims :

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.  
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee, how great Thou art !*

As a keen walker, I feel most alive when I am outside in the countryside or on the hilltops. Of late I have been taking any opportunity I can to walk along Offa's Dyke. I love that feeling of connectedness to the earth's natural order.

For many, these outdoor experiences are where they feel closest to God; services in Church don't necessarily appeal, but the outdoors just declares the greatness of God. As we absorb the outdoor air, it refreshes us and provides an opportunity for self-examination, dealing with frustrations, anger and guilt in our lives. It helps us dismiss those voices inside of us, that challenge our self-worth, and be reminded that we are special to God.

In the middle-ages, the monks used to walk and recite Psalms as they went. By repeatedly speaking the words of the Psalm, it provided them with spiritual food and brought a discipline into their lives. For instance, Psalm 119 :

*Blessed are those whose way is pure, who walk in the law of the Lord.  
Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.  
O how I love thy law, I will meditate on it all day long ..... your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.*

The law that the Psalmist refers to is not the law that you and I might think about, a law that says: "you must not do this" or "you must do that" ; but it is the law that made the universe into a cosmos from what it previously was – chaos, darkness and matter. This is the law that provides a framework for life itself and brings order into nature, seasons in their time, rain and sunshine in perfect balance which, in turn, gives us the green beauty all about us.

Yet the poet A.E. Housman said that when nature is left to itself it can be cruel and heartless, nature does not "know" him :

*For nature, heartless, witless nature,  
Will neither care nor know  
(from Tell me not here, it needs not saying)*

Whilst Housman was really referring to how man passes through un-noticed by nature, I find his argument sad because, as Christians, we would disagree. The true "law" of nature is fulfilled in Jesus Christ; he brings a reason and a purpose for life itself. Yes, the world is not as it should be, the TV news often appears full of sadness and decay, but Jesus brings hope for a better future, we pray "your kingdom come on earth as in heaven."

Remember however, (quote from Angela Tilby) "we can only learn to inhabit God's goodness if we remember to remember it."

*Rev. David Moss  
Rector for the Parishes of Westbury, Worthen and Yockleton  
The Rectory, Westbury. Tel: 01743 884165  
email : davidmosswwy@gmail.com*



## SHROPSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE - UPDATE

Following on from my email in March, we have decided that the Mobile Libraries will continue with the Ready Reads (Click and Collect) Service until the end of June 2021. Borrowers pick up a bag of staff-selected books at their normal stop. They will be doing two weeks on the road, two weeks off. We will make a decision in June as to what will happen after that, but we are hoping to be back to a more normal service. On the road dates are as follows :

| Route | Days      | Dates       | Dates        |
|-------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 2     | Tuesdays  | 18 May 2021 | 15 June 2021 |
| 4     | Thursdays | 20 May 2021 | 17 June 2021 |
| 8     | Mondays   | 10 May 2021 | 7 June 2021  |

Please note that these dates may change if Government guidance changes.

No stops have changed the Route Number or Day over the last year, so any information I have sent in the past will be correct. Some stops have changed their timings slightly (to extend or reduce the Stop Time depending upon how busy it is), so I would advise you to check the timings on the Mobile Library Stops Map on our website :

**<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/>**

Mobile Library enquiries to: **[libraries@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@shropshire.gov.uk)**

**Ellen Powell**

Team Librarian

Library Headquarters

Direct Line : 01743 255309

Library Support: 01743 255024 : Email : [ellen.powell@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.powell@shropshire.gov.uk)

**For events and activities in libraries across Shropshire visit : [Shropshire Libraries](#)**

### Mobile Library Days, Times, Routes and Stopping Places

For any new residents of Westbury, Yockleton and surrounding communities or those who may not have used the Sabrina Mobile Library's fortnightly service before, or since the service has had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 virus situation, I have set out below the usual days, places and stopping times for each route although - as Ellen Powell mentioned above - some stopping times may have been changed slightly.

#### **Route 8 : Alternate weeks on a Monday**

|                                         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ford Village Hall :                     | 9.30 am - 9.50am  |
| Halfway House Inn, Halfway House :      | 10.00am - 10.20am |
| Old School Lane, Wattlesborough Heath : | 10.30am - 10.45am |
| Alberbury Village Hall :                | 10.55am - 11.15am |

#### **Route 2 : Alternate weeks on a Tuesday**

|                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Aston Rogers, opposite Brook House :    | 1.00pm - 1.10pm |
| Lower Wallop. Wallop Cottages :         | 1.20pm - 1.40pm |
| Rowley, Upper House Farm :              | 1.45pm - 1.55pm |
| Vennington, Lower House Farm :          | 2.10pm - 2.20pm |
| Westbury (outside former Post Office) : | 2.25pm - 3.05pm |

#### **Route 4 : Alternate weeks on a Thursday**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Yockleton - Lay By :    | 10.00am - 10.15am |
| Ford Heath - Post Box : | 10.20am - 10.30am |

# **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

**20 April 2021**

## **HAVE YOUR SAY IN HOW YOUR HOSPITALS WORK**

The trust that runs Shropshire's acute hospitals is asking members of the public to get more involved in the way services are delivered.

From tomorrow (21 April 2021) - for four weeks - The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) is giving people the opportunity to share their ideas and on how it can involve them more in what happens at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

Julia Clarke, Director of Corporate Services and Lead for the Public Participation Team at SaTH said :

"We know that local hospitals are really important to our communities and we take this responsibility very seriously."

"We believe hospital services improve when we listen carefully to what people tell us and we respond to what they say. We want to give our communities a much bigger say in how we work and we think people will have lots of brilliant ideas to help us involve them more".

"We recognise it's not always easy to get your voice heard and this is why we're holding an open, honest and anonymous on-line conversation. This is an opportunity for everyone in our communities to share their ideas with us."

"You will also be able to read and comment on what others have shared, and vote on what you agree or don't agree with."

"We will use the insight generated from this online conversation to inform our Public Participation Plan, which will be published in July 2021. We know some things need to change and we need your help to tell us what we should be striving for and what we can do together to involve you more."

The online conversation opens on Wednesday, 21 April 2021.

Visit : **[www.sathgetinvolved.org](http://www.sathgetinvolved.org)**

to register your interest in joining this conversation.

Many thanks

**Dave Burrows**  
**Head of External Communications,**  
**The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust**  
**Telephone: 07784 015931 |**  
**Email: [david.burrows4@nhs.net](mailto:david.burrows4@nhs.net)**

**Working hours: 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.**

**MAY 2021 : UPDATE FROM ED POTTER**  
**YOUR SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UNITARY COUNCILLOR**  
**The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 6ND**

I will keep this month's Update brief as things have been focused on the Elections and - with Purdah in place - the Council "ticks along" with its day-to-day business until after the Elections on 6 May 2021 for your Shropshire Councillor and Police and Crime Commissioner. There is an uncontested election for the Parish Council, so there will be no vote; however, not all the spaces are filled and a notice of vacancy will be published in early May by the Parish Clerk for people to come forward and fill these spaces.

The planning application is in for the North West Relief Road. This is a very emotive topic and I have residents who are both strongly in favour and strongly opposed to its being built. Comments can be made on the Planning Portal until 7 May 2021 and comments will still be received and taken into consideration right up until the determination date later in the year, when it will be decided by the North Planning Committee. I strongly advise anyone with views - either way - to make them known during this consultation.

Appointments are now being offered to the over 40s for Covid vaccinations and no doubt by the end of May will have moved on again to the next younger cohort.

Finally, it has been my privilege to serve you as the Shropshire Councillor for the Loton Division for the past four years and I thank you all for your support in what has been a very interesting and - at times - challenging period. I hope to continue to represent you after the Elections on 6 May 2021 and look forward to contributing to the June 2021 edition of the Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter.

As ever, if I can be of assistance with any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me via the details below.

Ed Potter  
Shropshire Councillor for the Loton Division  
(Including the Parishes of Alberbury with Cardeston, Montford, Great and Little Ness and Westbury)  
Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education  
07779117802 / 01694731305

**WESTBURY VILLAGE HALL  
COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**(2019 and 2020)**

will be held at  
Westbury Village Hall  
on Thursday, 13 May 2021 at 6.30pm

Anyone wishing to attend should inform  
The Secretary : Alex Adams  
on 01743 884816

Please be prepared to wear a Face Mask

Alex Adams

**BINGO**  
**The Lion**  
**Westbury**

Normally held every  
Monday Evening but,  
due to the  
continuing Covid 19 Virus  
situation, there will be no more  
Bingo Sessions  
until further notice

*Mary Pryce*

# **VRON GATE SHOW**

**Saturday, 1 July 2021**

The preparation for the Show continues and the Committee is continuing to monitor the road map to full unlock, with the next phase in May, which - if it continues as it has - we are confident of holding a Show.

We have always prided ourselves on holding a free Show and this will continue. We have previously relied heavily on sponsorship and local support but, this year, we are aware that many local businesses have been affected by the Lockdown and therefore we are reluctant to approach companies as we usually do. Because of complications with Shows being cancelled and moved, we have lost the booking we had with a Falconry Display. We hope to take the opportunity to have more Family Sports and enjoy the Vintage Vehicles in more detail instead.

We will have our Beer Tent, Barbecue and Tea Tent in full swing (and we always welcome support from anyone wishing to donate a cake or scones) and the main marque - as always - will be full of produce and locally made handicrafts. We are hoping to keep the Show as close as possible to "normal" and hope everyone will enjoy the opportunity to get out and see old friends.

*The Vron Gate Show Committee*

## **ROAD CLOSURES**

**(Source : Westbury Parish Council website)**

### **Urgent Road Closure - B4386 Brockton to Winsley**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date :</b>               | Tuesday, 4 May 2021 : 9.30 am                                                                                                                    |
| <b>End Date :</b>           | Wednesday, 5 May 2021                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Purpose :</b>            | Urgent Road Closure to repair carriageway defects. Access maintained for residents, local businesses, school buses, buses and emergency services |
| <b>Works Promoter :</b>     | Shropshire Council                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Works Promoter Ref :</b> | Unknown (promoter_works_ref)                                                                                                                     |

**Enforcement pattern for B4386 Brockton to Winsley : 09.30 - 16.00**

You can view the closure and diversion route by  
visiting : <https://one.network/?tm=121823658>

Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on [streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk).

**Road Closure : B4387 to Yockleton Junction, Stoney Stretton to B4386 Junction Stoney Stretton, Stoney Stretton**

**Date :** Thursday, 24 June 2021 12:00am

**Temporary Road Closure :** Yockleton Junction Stoney Stretton to B4386 Junction Stoney Stretton, Stoney Stretton

**Start Date :** 24 June 2021

**End Date :** 24 June 2021

**Purpose :** Road Closure - Western Power, tree trimming works, no excavation.

**Works Promoter :** Western Power Distribution

**Works Promoter Ref :** HM5130684649A

**Enforcement pattern for Yockleton Junction Stoney Stretton to B4386 Junction Stoney Stretton, Stoney Stretton : All the Time.**

You can view the closure and diversion route by visiting : <https://one.network/?tm=121432825>

Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on [streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk).

**Road Closure : B4387 from B4386 Winsley near former South Shropshire Boundary to Barley Bank**

**Date :** Monday, 28 June 2021 09:30am

**Temporary Road Closure :** B4387 Winsley, United Kingdom

**Start Date :** 28 June 2021

**End Date :** 2 July 2021

**Purpose :** Road Closure - to install kerbs and carriageway surfacing.

**Works Promoter :** Shropshire Council

**Works Promoter Ref :** UJ215HW-1703586-3

**Enforcement pattern for B4387 from B4386 Winsley : Monday - Friday 09:30 - 16:00**

You can view the closure and diversion route by visiting : <https://one.network/?tm=121432825>



## Shropshire Council Planning Applications

All Planning Applications can be viewed on line on the Shropshire Council Planning Website  
(<https://shropshire.gov.uk/planning/>)

Open the website, type in the Planning Application Reference and you can view the  
Application and Proposal in detail.

The list below only includes new planning applications and  
those planning applications whose status has  
changed since the entries shown in the April 2021 Newsletter.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WESTBURY AND YOCKLETON NEWSLETTER : MAY 2021

**Reference :** 21/01200/TCA **Alternative Reference :** Not Available

**Application Validated :** Tuesday, 9 March 2021

**Location :** 6 Jubilee Gardens, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9EQ

**Proposal :** To fell 1 No Silver Birch Tree within Westbury Conservation Area.

**Status :** Consent by Right - Trees

**Appeal Status :** Consent by Right - Trees Decision issued : 1 April 2021

**Appeal Decision Date :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr Ian Skinner

**Agent :** Mr Rob Petri Kiwi Tree Services, The Beeches, Westbury, Shrewsbury. SY5 9QZ

\*\*\*\*\*

**Reference :** 21/01234/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09581105v1

**Application Validated :** Monday, 29 March 2021

**Location :** Cobblers Cottage, 2 Mount Pleasant, Vennington Road, Westbury, Shrewsbury  
Shropshire. SY5 9RA

**Proposal :** Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory. Erection of single storey extension  
to form Garden Room.

**Status :** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Ms Emily Bowen

**Agent :** Mr Peter Bromley, Hawkestone, Great Moor Road, Pattingham, Nr Wolverhampton. WV6 7AU

|                         |                                                                                                                            |                                     |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reference :             | 21/01009/AGR                                                                                                               | Alternative Reference : PP-09561421 |
| Application Validated : | Friday, 26 February 2021                                                                                                   |                                     |
| Location :              | Whitton Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RE<br>Powys County Boundary Long Mountain road to Speed Limit signs   |                                     |
| Proposal :              | Erection of a new general purpose building                                                                                 |                                     |
| Status :                | Planning Permission not required.                                                                                          |                                     |
| Appeal Status :         | Unknown                                                                                                                    |                                     |
| Appeal Decision :       | Not Available                                                                                                              |                                     |
| Decision Issued Date :  | Monday, 29 March 2021                                                                                                      |                                     |
| Applicant :             | Mr J R Paddock, Whitton Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RE                                                    |                                     |
| Agent :                 | Mr Shaun Jones, Halls Holding Limited, Halls Holdings House, Bowmen Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury SY4 3DR.                  |                                     |
| *****                   |                                                                                                                            |                                     |
| Reference :             | 21/00282/OUT                                                                                                               | Alternative Reference : PP-09429963 |
| Application Validated : | Friday, 5 February 2021                                                                                                    |                                     |
| Location :              | Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling east of The Hazels bungalow, Rowley, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RX      |                                     |
| Proposal :              | Outline application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and associated garage to include access.          |                                     |
| Status :                | Pending Consideration                                                                                                      |                                     |
| Appeal Status :         | Unknown                                                                                                                    |                                     |
| Appeal Decision :       | Not Available                                                                                                              |                                     |
| Applicant :             | Mr and Mrs D Beckett t/a B&B Farming, The Willows, Yockleton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9PN                              |                                     |
| Agent :                 | Mr Nick Williams, Berrys, Beech House, Anchorage Avenue, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 6FG         |                                     |
| *****                   |                                                                                                                            |                                     |
| Reference :             | 21/00051/FUL and 21/00277/FUL                                                                                              | Alternative Reference : PP-09390434 |
| Application Validated : | Wednesday, 6 Jan 2021 and Wednesday, 20 January 2021                                                                       |                                     |
| Location :              | Grange Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9QX The Shrubbery Junction with B4387 to The Forge junction with B4387. |                                     |
| Proposal :              | Construction of roof over a manure store.                                                                                  |                                     |
| Status :                | Pending Consideration.                                                                                                     |                                     |
| Appeal Status :         | Unknown                                                                                                                    |                                     |
| Appeal Decision :       | Not Available                                                                                                              |                                     |
| Applicant :             | Mr T Jones, P M Jones &Son, Grange Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9QX                                         |                                     |
| Agent :                 | Mr Shaun Jones, Halls Holdings Limited, Halls Holdings House, Bowmen Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury. SY4 3DR                 |                                     |

**Reference :** 21/00187/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09409720

**Application Validated :** Thursday, 14 January 2021

**Location:** Willow House, Yockleton Road end of, to Brook House junction, Cruckton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9GE

**Proposal :** Erection of a two bay detached garage with storage/games room above at Willow House, Yockleton Road end of, to Brook House Junction. Cruckton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9GE

**Status :** Granted 29 March 2021

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr G Bright (company: Mr and Mrs G Bright), Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0HZ

**Agent :** Mr Paul Middleton, Roger Parry & Partners LLP, Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0HZ

\*\*\*\*\*

**Reference :** 21/00159/LBC **Alternative Reference :** PP-09410895

**Application Validated :** Wednesday, 13 Jan 2021

**Location :** The Wain House, Vennington Westbury Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 9RG  
Powys County Boundary, Long Mountain Road to Speed Limit Signs.

**Proposal :** Works to roofline to facilitate the installation of a 16 solar panel roof-mounted system to front/south roofline of Grade II Listed Building

**Status :** Withdrawn

**Appeal Status :** Decision Withdrawn

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr Ross Cookson, The Wain House, Vennington, Westbury, Shrewsbury Shropshire. SY5 9RG

**Agent :** Mr David Cunningham, Zanussi Solar, Unit 1, Lakes Court, Lancaster Business Park, Burton-on-Trent, UK. DE13 9PD

\*\*\*\*\*

**Reference :** 21/04950/DIS **Alternative Reference :** PP-09288847

**Application Validated :** Friday, 27 November 2020

**Location:** Wallop Hall Barn, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RU

**Proposal :** Discharge of Conditions 5 (Drainage), 6 (Photographic Survey), 7 (Materials) 8 (External fixtures), 9 (Bricks - South elevation), 10 (Roof Materials), 11 (Roof Windows), 12 (Bat Boxes), 13 (Joinery) and 14 (Landscaping) of Approved planning permission 20/00758/FUL

**Status :** Discharge Conditions Part Approved Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr Vernon Kerswell, c/o Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0HZ

**Agent :** Mr Paul Middleton, Roger Parry & Partners LLP, Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0HZ

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                              |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Reference :</b>             | 20/03787/DSA106                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Alternative Reference :</b> Not Available |
| <b>Application Validated :</b> | Monday 21 September 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              |
| <b>Location :</b>              | Rowleth House, Rowley, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                              |
| <b>Proposal :</b>              | Application for the Modification or Discharge of Section 106 Planning Obligation (dated 06.08.2004) pursuant of Planning Permission Reference No: 1/04/15467/F rection of a dwelling, alterations to vehicular access and installation of a septic tank, due to changes in planning policy (relative to new housing development in Rowley now being classed as a "cluster") the proposal is for the Discharge of Section 106 Planning Obligation. |                                              |
| <b>Status :</b>                | Awaiting Decision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                              |
| <b>Appeal Status :</b>         | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |
| <b>Appeal Decision :</b>       | Not Available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                              |
| <b>Applicant :</b>             | Mr Robert Arthur Price and Rosemary June Price, Rowleth House, Rowley, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                              |
| <b>Agent :</b>                 | Mr Paul Middleton, MCIAT, Roger Parry & Partners LLP, Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury. SY5 0HZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Reference :</b>             | 20/01715/FUL                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Alternative Reference :</b> Not Available |
| <b>Application Validated :</b> | Monday, 11 May 2020                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                              |
| <b>Location:</b>               | Proposed Affordable Dwelling south of “The Pebbles”, Marche Lane, Halfway House, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9DE                                                                                         |                                              |
| <b>Proposal :</b>              | Erection of an affordable dwelling, formation of associated hard-standing, curtilage, access and connection to required services and retention of existing outbuildings as garage (amended description). |                                              |
| <b>Status :</b>                | Awaiting Decision                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              |
| <b>Appeal Status :</b>         | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                              |
| <b>Appeal Decision :</b>       | Not Available                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |
| <b>Applicant :</b>             | Mr Kenneth Davis, The Pebbles, Marche Lane, Halfway House, Shrewsbury. SY5 9DE                                                                                                                           |                                              |
| <b>Agent :</b>                 | Mrs Charlene Sussums-Lewis MRICS, Carter Jonas LLP, Canon Court North, Abbey Lawn, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 5DE                                                                                       |                                              |

## Covid 19 Virus

As stated in my recent Newsletters, each month - and for many years - 530 copies of the Newsletter have been delivered house-to-house in Westbury, Yockleton and surrounding communities by our team of 20 volunteers, many of whom - like me - are OAPs and have been advised to stay “isolated” at home.

Understandably, in these extraordinary times, our volunteers are unable to continue. All monthly editions are now only available for viewing or downloading via our new website : **[www.wylocalnews.co.uk](http://www.wylocalnews.co.uk)**.

Alternatively, if you visit the website and : **REGISTER** by sending me your email address, future copies of the Newsletter will be automatically downloaded to your email Inbox every month, at no charge to you. Furthermore, this will allow you to print off copies of the Newsletter for any neighbours or friends who may not have a computer.

*Editor*

# **BRITISH RED CROSS - SHROPSHIRE**

## **Appeal for Help**

Hi there

I'm Donna Smith and I am newly in post as the First Call Service Co-ordinator for the British Red Cross, Home from Hospital Service in Shropshire. Were you aware that the Red Cross has a Home from Hospital Service ? Since the pandemic, we've found that our referrals have been low, and we also have low volunteer numbers.

The main focus of my role is on Volunteer Recruitment and Service Development and I would hope to improve the take up of the service. It is for this reason that I have asked if we could put an advert in the Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter to advertise the service and recruit new volunteers ? This would hopefully benefit the local community.

We offer short term (up to six weeks) support for people who have recently been discharged from hospital. The support provided could include the following :

- Keeping someone company or providing befriending support over the telephone or at a home visit.
- Helping the person to regain independence by supporting them with practical tasks such as shopping and collecting prescriptions.

We can also offer free installation and a trial with a Pendant Alarm if the service user is at risk of falling.

We would normally also offer transport support but - due to the pandemic - this service is on hold for the time being.

Please let me know if you are able to help ? I hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards

Donna Smith

British Red Cross - Shropshire

Email: [DonnaSmith@redcross.org.uk](mailto:DonnaSmith@redcross.org.uk)