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# Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter

Issue 228 - July 2021

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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 August 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 26 July 2021  
and for the September 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 23 August 2021.

## Westbury Village Hall

**Westbury Parish Council** : It is hoped that the next two meetings will be held in Westbury Village Hall on Thursday, 2 September 2021 and on Thursday, 4 November 2021, both meetings commencing at 7.30pm. These dates may be subject to change due to the Covid-19 virus situation. 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 or - if that is not possible - are held later that day indoors remotely via Zoom. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 14 July 2021 commencing at 4.00pm with a visit to a WI member's garden, with Claire Williams joining us at 5.30pm to explain how she developed her garden during the 'lock down' time. 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 the 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** : The Exercise Classes at 10.00am on Mondays may resume in the near future. 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.

## Yockleton Victory Hall

**West Shropshire Flower Club** : With restrictions likely to be lifted, it is planned to re-start meetings at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 25 August 2021 with "Floral Fairytales" demonstrated by Leanne Williams from Welshpool. Details of future meetings on Page 11 of this Newsletter. For more information, please email Julia Brion <juliabshrop@gmail.com> or telephone Liz Dawson (01938 570235) or visit: info@brimford.co.uk..

**Yockleton W I** : The meeting due to be held on Wednesday, 7 July has been moved to Wednesday, 21 July when there will be a talk entitled "The Past, Present and Future of The Flax Mill, Shrewsbury". Please note the change in time to 7.00pm. 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.

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

## Anti-Social Behaviour

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If anyone requires a "home" visit or wants to discuss anything, please just ring: PC Simon Lewis on 101 Ext 66645 or email him at : <[simon.lewis@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:simon.lewis@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.**

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Hopefully everyone will have noticed that the team from SmartWater have been out putting up the large blue signs notifying would-be thieves that Westbury and Yockleton is an area protected by SmartWater, following the commitment by Westbury Parish Council to help fund the project last year. Hopefully everyone who received their pack in the post has used it and - more importantly - put the stickers in their windows to show that their home is protected. If anyone needs help in using their kit or wants advice, please get in touch with us at Pontesbury Police Office.

We are currently dealing with a high volume of incidents. Sadly we have seen a quad bike being stolen overnight and also another farm premises being targeted, so the night time thieves are still about, so make sure everything is locked up and bolted down overnight. Check that your security lights are still working and make sure you "lock up" in the evening to prevent unwanted visitors from helping themselves.

PC Ross Cookson retired in late June and has been replaced by PC Simon Lewis who will be supported by PCSO Sarah Edwards and they will be working out of the new Pontesbury Police Office which is based in the Pontesbury Library and Pavilion building adjacent to the Co-op and Doctors Surgery on Hall Bank, Pontesbury. PC Ross Cookson hoped that Simon would take over his mobile phone number (07814 042410), so that there would be some continuity, but he can also be contacted via email :

[simon.lewis@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:simon.lewis@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

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.

If you would like PC Simon Lewis to have a walk around your property to give security advice, please get in touch. 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 the Police - 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 the Police via :

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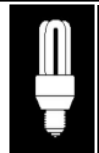
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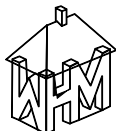
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## Police Matters continued ...

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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 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.

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 Simon Lewis

SNT Shrewsbury Rural West

Police Wildlife Crime Officer

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

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*Mary Pryce*



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## St Mary's Church Westbury

### SUMMER FETE

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Summer Fete arranged  
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Cancelled.

*Revd. David Moss  
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Worthen and Yockleton*

*The Rectory, Westbury.*

*Tel: 01743 884165*

*Email: [davidmosswwy@gmail.com](mailto:davidmosswwy@gmail.com)*

## St Mary's Church Westbury 100 Club

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3rd Prize : £10  
David Edwards  
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Mr and Mrs Rowson  
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*Mary Pryce*

## ALBERBURY MONDAY CLUB

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*Editor*

## **Westbury W I**

On the evening of Wednesday, 9 June a group of members and friends visited the house and garden at Marche Manor, the home of Carmel and Kate Hazan. Kate took us around the garden and explained how they had developed the garden which had been started by Carmel's parents. The flowers, shrubs and trees were beautiful and much admired by everyone. Kate explained the history of Marche Manor. The weather just stayed fine and the evening ended with lovely cakes and cups of tea.

Our President Jill Jones thanked Carmel and Kate for their hospitality.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 14 July 2021 starting at 4.00pm when we are going to a member's garden and at 5.30pm Claire Williams will be coming to explain how she has developed her garden during this "lockdown" time and how she chose her plants with wildlife in mind. We will also be discussing an outing for our August meeting.

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

## **Forthcoming Church Services July 2021**

With effect from Sunday, 11 July 2021 we are reverting to a service in each Church and each week as below :

Sunday, 4 July 2021 : All Saints Church, Worthen  
commencing at 11.00am

Sunday, 11 July 2021 : Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Yockleton  
commencing at 11.00am

Sunday, 11 July 2021 : Morning Praise at St Mary's, Westbury  
commencing at 11.00am

Sunday, 18 July 2021 : Holy Communion at St Mary's Westbury  
commencing at 9.30am

Sunday, 18 July 2021 : Cafe Church at Holy Trinity, Yockleton  
commencing at 11.00am

Sunday, 25 July 2021 : Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Yockleton  
commencing at 11.00am

Sunday, 25 July 2021 : Cafe Church at St Mary's Westbury  
commencing at 11.00am

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, YOCKLETON

### An Important Announcement !!



Holy Trinity will be holding their first Coffee Café get-together post-Covid on Thursday 29 July 2021 in the Church from 10.30am to 12 midday. Yes, I did say IN THE CHURCH !! Chocolate cake guaranteed.

Come along and tell us all about your "Lockdown" experiences, the new hobbies you have taken up and any new pursuits. We look forward to seeing you there. If you need a lift call me on 01743 821768.

*Jenny Howard*



## Holy Trinity Church, Yockleton

### Are You Ready to Party ?

Hello everybody ! I'm sorry to say that our Garden Party - planned for Sunday, 18 July - has been postponed due to the extended partial Lockdown. The date is now :

**Sunday, 15 August 2021 from 2.30pm**

at Waverney, the bungalow in the centre of the village, opposite the Notice Board.

As before, bring your own picnic and we will provide Strawberries and Cream and Tea/Coffee. There will be a Raffle, Home-made Cakes and Garden Produce on sale.

We are asking for a donation from you to join us, so all we need is some fine weather.

Hope you can make it !!

*Jenny Howard*

## Yockleton W I

As stated on Page 1 of this Newsletter, the next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21 July 2021 in Victory Hall. Following the talk about the Flax Mill, teas will be served by Gill Manning and Margaret Williams. Angeline Thomas will be organising the Draw - and don't forget Flower of the Month.

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend the meeting; there could be a lot to talk about and a lot of talking full stop ! See you on the 21<sup>st</sup> !

For more information nearer the time, please ring either Margaret Sheppard on 01743 790751 or me on 01743 884524. Visitors welcome.

### Date for your Diary

On Wednesday, 4 August 2021, there will be a Garden Meeting at the home of Diana Houlgate, Wood Leys, Nox. We meet at Ann Dales at 6.30pm and walk - or at 7.00pm at Wood Leys.

*Daphne Goodwin*

## SHROPSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE - UPDATE

Further to the June 2021 Newsletter, I have since been advised by Ellen Powell, Team Librarian at the Library Headquarters, that they had hoped to restart their regular Mobile Library Service and allow borrowers back on board from the end of June. However, this has been postponed for a month following the delay to lockdown easing and the rise in COVID positive numbers in Shropshire. Therefore the service will carry on with the Ready Reads (Click and Collect) Service until the end of July, the service schedule (with the usual COVID caveat) for the next couple of months (these dates are also on our website) : On the road dates are as follows :

Route	Days	Dates
2	Tuesday	13 July 2021 (Ready Reads)
4	Thursday	15 July 2021 (Ready Reads)
8	Monday	19 July 2021 (Ready Reads)

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 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 it has been advised that you check the timings on the Mobile Library Stops Map on the mobile library website :

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

Ellen Powell has advised me that it is hoped that (Normal Service) will resume from 2 August and I will insert the Dates for Routes 2, 4 and 8 in the August 2021 Newsletter.

Editor

## 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 previously - 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

# **VRON GATE SHOW**

**Saturday, 31 July 2021**

We have had another Vron Gate planning meeting via Zoom and are pushing ahead with plans to hold the Show and trying to confirm as many as possible of the regular features.

Our popular Tea Tent will be in full swing this year and we are going to make efforts to ensure all food is individually pre-wrapped. We are also using disposable single-use cups (which goes against the grain but - for health reasons - it is a must this year). As always we are looking for as many donations as possible for Cakes in the Tea Tent and they can either be dropped off to Kate at Whitton Hall the day before or at the Tea Tent on the day (any queries please contact Kate at Whitton Hall on 01743 884270).

The Beer Tent will also be in full swing this year and although plastic glasses will be available, we hope that most people will be happy to drink from the cans ? Hand gels and Sanitisers will be available around the site and also in all the tented areas. We are hoping that the weather will be kind and we can open the sides of all the tents, just to make things even safer.

Following the main Show, we will be having some Live Music and we are hoping to run this into early evening, depending on the weather and how well attended is the event. This music event will be free and the Bar and BBQ will continue to run, so bring your appetite and your wallet !

As always, we have been looking for help in setting up the field on the evening of Wednesday 28 July from 7.00pm; but we always need help on the day and also to clear up in the evening and often on the Sunday afterwards. If anyone would like to help, please find us on social media or on our website [www.vrongateshow.org.uk](http://www.vrongateshow.org.uk)- where there is an email link.

*The Vron Gate Show Committee*

## **The Village Hall, Westbury**

Bookings can be made now for events to take place after Monday, 19 July 2021, but subject to Governmental COVID restrictions.

The Hall has made good use of the time we've been in Lock Down to :

- Update the lighting,
- Redecorate,
- Renew the curtains and
- We are about to re-surface the floor.

Hopefully, all users will be as pleased with the results as we are.

Bookings can continue to be made through BELLA CHILDS on 07707639124 (Mobile).

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Alex Adams  
Westbury Village Hall Committee*

# WESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Future Meetings

We hope to hold meetings for the rest of the year on the following dates and in Westbury Village Hall - if the Covid 19 situation allows - and that the Hall is available.

Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 7.30pm : Annual Parish Meeting  
followed by an Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 2 September 2021 : at 7.30pm : Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 4 November 2021 : at 7.30pm : Ordinary Meeting

Details of our meetings are put on our website: [www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk) a week before the meeting and will include the time, venue and the agenda for the meeting.

For information, we still have three vacancies for Parish Councillors. Les Hurdley has been elected Chairman and Rob Hemmings was elected Vice-Chairman.

## Projects

Our projects for this year are to explore a VAS sign for Yockleton to assist with Speed Reduction and to look at updating the Play Equipment in Westbury Playing Field, as well as replacing the fencing around the Play Area.

## SmartWater Kits : Reminder

If any residents have not yet received their SmartWater Kit, please contact me by email: <clerkwypc@aol.co.uk>.

Sarah Smith  
Clerk and RFO : Westbury Parish Council  
Tel : 01743 891438

The Cart Barn, Worthen Hall Farm, Worthen, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9HN

## West Shropshire Flower Club

With restrictions likely to be lifted, it is planned to re-start meetings in Westbury Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 25 August 2021 with a "Floral Fairytales" demonstration by Leanne Williams from Welshpool.

Future meetings are planned for :

7.30pm Wednesday, 22 September 2021 : "Make Hay while the Sun Shines"  
demonstration by Jacqui Owen, from Nantwich

7.30pm Wednesday, 27 October 2021 : Annual General Meeting followed by  
demonstration by Jackie Jones, from Welshpool

7.30pm Wednesday, 24 November 2021 : "It's a Little Festive Crafty" demonstration  
by Julie Pearson, from Preston

*Julia Brion*

## Connecting Shropshire Programme Update : May 2021

### Voucher Scheme Re-Launched

The Government's UK Gigabit Voucher Scheme can help rural communities to get access to a gigabit-capable broadband connection. Thanks to a top-up from Shropshire Council, the maximum funding per voucher is £7,000 for business premises and £4,000 for homes. To find out more go to: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/gigabit-broadband-voucher-scheme/>

### Information and Advice for Shropshire Council Residents and Businesses

If anyone in the Shropshire Council area has a query about the broadband infrastructure available to their home or business, please contact Connecting Shropshire on 01743 252203 or go to: [connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk).

### Broadband Coverage Map updated:

Connecting Shropshire has updated its current and projected Coverage Map (<https://bit.ly/2S4BqTg>) to show the remaining contracted Superfast Broadband coverage from Airband's State-Aided contract with Shropshire Council, which is planned to complete by the end of 2021 (pink dots). For more information, please see :

<http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/broadband-coverage-map/>

NB We define Superfast Broadband as a download speed of at least 30mbps

### **Summary of premises classification :**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Premises</b>
Current Superfast Broadband coverage (grey dots)	145,352
Planned coverage - Airband contracts (pink dots)	2,048
Planned coverage - excluding Airband contracts (blue dots)	2,523
No current or planned Superfast broadband coverage (yellow dots)	1,405
<b>TOTAL Premises 151,328</b>	

The online map is searchable by postcode to determine the classification of individual premises.

NB The above Connecting Shropshire Programme Update together with a detailed Screenshot of the Superfast Broadband Coverage Map showing premises with no current/planned Superfast Broadband Coverage (yellow dots) and Planned Coverage from Airband contracts (pink dots) is available to view in the June 2021 Newsletter on our website : [www.wylocalnews.co.uk](http://www.wylocalnews.co.uk)

Editor

## 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

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01743 791082  
or 07854 110271

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## 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 June 2021 Newsletter.

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

**Reference :** 21/03144/TCA **Alternative Reference :** Not Available

**Application Validated :** Thursday, 24 June 2021

**Location :** 3 Jubilee Gardens, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9EQ

**Proposal :** To fell and remove 1 No Cherry Tree within Westbury Conservation Area. Cherry Tree situated between a Rowan Tree and another Cherry Tree. Specimen in poor form due to bad pruning practice and showing signs of die-back. Specimen Also too close to rock wall which is beginning to crack.

**Status :** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mrs Janice Down, 3 Jubilee Gardens. Westbury, Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 9EG

**Agent :** Mr Rob Petri, Kiwi Tree Services, 1 The Beeches, Westbury Shrewsbury SY5 9QZ

**Reference :** 21/03019/TCA **Alternative Reference :** Not Available

**Application Validated :** Thursday, 17 June 2021

**Location :** The Shrubbery, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9QX

**Proposal :** Mature 1 No variegated Holly Tree adjacent to B4387 road to Halfway House within Westbury Conservation Area. Requesting permission to crown reduce by 50% and re-shape,

**Status :** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr Robin Passant, The Shrubbery, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 9QX

**Agent :** Mr Rob Petri, Kiwi Tree Services, 1 The Beeches, Westbury Shrewsbury SY5 9QZ

**Reference :** 21/02478/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09839610

**Application Validated :** Tuesday, 8 June 2021

**Location :** 1 Station Cottages, Yockleton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9PU. B4386 from Yockleton to Ford Heath Junction.

**Proposal :** Erection of part two storey and single storey extensions, Juliet balcony and glass balustrade over flat roof following demolition of existing conservatory and lounge. New ground floor layout and new first floor extension with pitched roof over.

**Status :** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Ms S Brookes, 1 Station Cottages, Yockleton, Shrewsbury Shropshire. SY5 9PU

**Agent :** Mr Sanjay Paul, Mike Coleman & Associates, 80 Lea Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. WV3 0LW

**Reference :** 21/02719/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09847010

**Application Validated :** Friday, 28 May 2021

**Location :** Ayrshire House, Shrewsbury Road, Westbury, Shrewsbury Shropshire. SY5 9PE

**Proposal :** Erection of ground floor and first floor side extensions.

**Status :** Pending Consideration.

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr and Mrs Philip Norris, Ayrshire House, Westbury, Shrewsbury. SY5 9PE

**Agent :** Mr Derek Tomley, Corner House, Worthen, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9HW

**Reference :** 21/01650/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09689595

**Application Validated :** Wednesday, 26 May 2021

**Location :** Rose Cottage, Winnington Green, Middletown, Welshpool, Shropshire. SY21 8DN

**Proposal :** Erection of one replacement dwelling including first floor balcony, detached double garage and re-positioning of vehicular access, following demolition of existing buildings; change of use of land to domestic garden land (re-submission)

**Status :** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr Malcolm Ellis c/o Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, SY5 0HZ

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



**Reference :** 21/02064/FUL **Alternative Reference :** Not Available

**Application Validated :** Wednesday, 26 May 2021

**Location :** Timber-framed barn approximately 40 metres South West of Whitton Hall, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RD

**Proposal :** Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Application for Planning Permission. Conversion of timber framed barn to create an events venue (for hosting weddings and other functions) along with the conversion and alteration of adjoining redundant agricultural buildings to provide ancillary uses such as kitchen, bar and WC facilities; provision of field for use as additional parking and associated works.

**Status :** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Kate Boscawen, Whitton Hall, Whitton, Near Westbury, Shrewsbury. SY5 9RD

**Agent :** Tony Rowland, Tony Rowland Architectural Services, Barratts Hill, Broseley, Shropshire. TF12 5NJ

**Reference :** 21/02065/LBC **Alternative Reference :** Not Available

**Application Validated :** Wednesday, 26 May 2021

**Location :** Timber-framed barn approximately 40 metres South West of Whitton Hall, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RD

**Proposal :** Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations, extension or demolition of a listed building. Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Conversion of timber framed barn to create an Events Venue together with conversion and alteration of adjoining agricultural buildings to provide ancillary uses affecting a Grade II Listed Building.

**Status :** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Kate Boscawen, Whitton Hall, Whitton, Near Westbury, Shrewsbury. SY5 9RD

**Agent :** Tony Rowland, Tony Rowland Architectural Services, Barratts Hill, Broseley, Shropshire. TF12 5NJ

**Reference :** 21/02186/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09773878

**Application Validated :** Thursday, 29 April 2021

**Location :** Vennington Farm Vennington, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RG.

**Proposal :** Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Householder Application for Planning Permission for works or extension to a dwelling and listed building consent. Erection of single storey extension to north elevation at Vennington Farm

**Status :** Granted **Decision Issued Date :** Wednesday, 23 June 2021

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Andrew Glover, Vennington Farm, Vennington, Westbury, Shrewsbury, SY5 9RG

**Agent :** Mr J Graham Moss, Moss Co LP, Brookgate Hall, Plealey, Shrewsbury, SY5 0UY

**Reference :** 21/02187/LBC **Alternative Reference :** PP-09773878  
**Application Validated :** Thursday, 29 April 2021  
**Location :** Vennington Farm Vennington, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RG.  
**Proposal :** Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Householder Application for Planning Permission for works or extension to a dwelling and listed building consent. Single storey extension to north elevation at Vennington Farm affecting a Grade II Listed Building.  
**Status :** Granted. **Decision Issued Date :** Wednesday, 23 June 2021  
**Appeal Status :** Unknown  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Andrew Glover, Vennington Farm, Vennington, Westbury, Shrewsbury, SY5 9RG  
**Agent :** Mr J Graham Moss, Moss Co LP, Brookgate Hall, Plealey, Shrewsbury, SY5 0UY

**Reference :** 21/01965/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09662235  
**Application Validated :** Monday, 19 April 2021  
**Location :** The Hem Farm, Hem Lane, Westley, Minsterley, Shrewsbury. SY5 0AN  
**Proposal :** Application for Planning Permission, Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Erection of an agricultural building extension at Hem Farm, Hem Lane, Westley. Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0AN  
**Status :** Granted. **Decision Issued Date :** Friday, 11 June 2021  
**Appeal Status :** Unknown  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** David Owen, Hem Farm, Hem Lane, Westley, Minsterley, Shrewsbury Shropshire. SY5 0AN  
**Agent :** Mr Gerallt Davies, Roger Parry & Partners LLP, 1 Berriew Street, Welshpool, Montgomery. SY21 7SQ.

**Reference :** 21/01009/AGR **Alternative Reference :** PP-095561421  
**Application Validated :** Friday, 26 February 2021  
**Location :** Whitton Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RE.  
Powys County Boundary to Long Mountain Road to Speed Limit Signs.  
**Proposal :** Erection of a new general purpose building.  
**Status :** Planning Permission not required, subject to the Conditions set out in Append I.  
**Decision Issued Date :** Monday, 26 March 2021  
**Appeal Status :** Unknown  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Mr Paddock, Whitton Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RE  
**Agent :** Mr Shaun Jones, Halls Holdings Ltd, Halls Holdings House, Bowmen Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury. SY4 3DR

**Reference :** 20/03787/DSA106 **Alternative Reference :** Not Available  
**Application Validated :** Monday 21 September 2020  
**Location :** Rowleth House, Rowley, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RY  
**Proposal :** 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 erection 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.  
**Status :** Awaiting Decision  
**Appeal Status :** Unknown  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Mr Robert Arthur Price and Rosemary June Price, Rowleth House, Rowley, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RY  
**Agent :** Mr Paul Middleton, MCIAT, Roger Parry & Partners LLP, Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury. SY5 0HZ

**Reference :** 20/01715/FUL **Alternative Reference :** Not Available  
**Application Validated :** Monday, 11 May 2020  
**Location:** Proposed Affordable Dwelling South of "The Pebbles", Marche Lane, Halfway House, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9DE  
**Proposal :** 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).  
**Status :** Awaiting Decision  
**Appeal Status :** Unknown  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Mr Kenneth Davis, The Pebbles, Marche Lane, Halfway House, Shrewsbury. Shropshire. SY5 9DE  
**Agent :** Mrs Charlene Sussums-Lewis, MRICS, Carter Jonas LLP, Canon Court North, Abbey Lawn, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 5DE



# USEFUL COMMUNITY LINKS

## Medical Practices

Westbury Medical Centre  
Pontesbury & Worthen Medical Centres

## Bus Time Table

<https://bustimes.org/services/558-montgomery-shrewsbury>  
<https://bustimes.org/services/x75-rhayader-shrewsbury>

## Waste Recycling

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/when-is-my-bin-collected/>

## Post Office Half Way House

<https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you/post-office/halfway-house-sy5-9du>

## Westbury Parish Council

<https://westburyparishcouncil.co.uk/>

## Worthen Parish Council

<https://www.worthenwithshelvepc.org.uk/>

## Westbury village (Wikipedia)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westbury,\\_Shropshire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westbury,_Shropshire)

## Shropshire Council

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/#>

## Age UK

<https://directory.ageuk.org.uk/local-service/age-uk-shropshire-telford-wrekin/?p=SY5%209QX>

## Disability

<https://shropshiredisability.net/>

## Food Bank

<https://wylocalnews.co.uk/food-bank>

## March 2021

### Shrewsbury Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

#### About your team

Insp	Safdar Ali
PCSO	Joe Bradley
PCSO	Sarah Edwards
Sgt	Matt Sanders
Police Volunteer	Mr Arthur Jones
PC	Ross Cookson

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.

Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. We are keen to promote closer links with local residents & would like to increase the number of

**Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Watch, Rural Watch & Horse Watch Schemes – they are easy to set up & require little effort to maintain, please ask how.**

Officers will continue to come to provide a high quality service however you contact us - in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings).

**Please join us on social media – if your parish, group or area have a website, ‘page’ or email address, please let us know. or email us for help & advice.**

#### Where we work

Shrewsbury Rural West is based at - Pontesbury Police Station, Minsterley Road, Pontesbury, SY5 0QH. We work in the Parishes of Pontesbury, Minsterley,

Great Hanwood, Longden, Westbury, Ford, Great Ness & Little Ness, Bicton, Alberbury, Montford Bridge, and Bomere Heath, we also cover the Shrewsbury Town council areas of Bowbrook, Gains Park and Bicton Heath including the Royal Shrewsbury and Redwood Hospitals.

#### How to get in touch

☎ **101** Extension 66645 to talk to your local SNT at Pontesbury Station.

✉ [shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

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

📘 **Pontesbury Police Station**

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Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

### PONTESBURY POLICE STATION OPENING TIMES

#### WEDNESDAY'S - 4 pm To 7 pm

The Police Station is staffed by volunteers. Sometimes due to circumstances beyond our control we may not be able to have the station open to the public. If the station is closed and you need to speak to a member of the team please contact us using the details above.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will also hold Police Surgeries :

<https://westmercia.police.uk>

Occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control we may not be able to get to the Surgery or Meeting. If officers are not at the location and you need to speak to the team please contact us using the details above.

**Shrewsbury Copthorne Rural Inc Gains Park – 128 Incidents**

Assault: 3
Criminal Damage: 4
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking: 1
ASB Nuisance: 25
ASB Personal: 5
ASB Environmental: 11
Concern For Safety: 45
Domestic Incident:9
Threats To Kill:2
Suspicious Circumstance: 15
Civil Dispute: 0
Sexual Offence:0
Highway Disruption: 5
RTC:3

**Bicton Rural – 7 Incidents**

Assault: 1
Criminal Damage: 0
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking 0
ASB Nuisance: 1
ASB Personal: 1
ASB Environmental: 0
Concern For Safety: 0
Domestic Incident: 1
Threats To Kill: 0
Suspicious Circumstance: 1
Civil Dispute: 0
Sexual Offence: 0
Highway Disruption: 1
RTC: 1

**Alberbury and Cardeston and Westbury and Halfway House inc Yockleton – 11 Incidents**

Assault: 1
Criminal Damage: 0
Burglary Residential: 1
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking 0
ASB Nuisance: 3
ASB Personal: 0
ASB Environmental: 1
Concern For Safety: 4
Domestic Incident:0
Threats To Kill:0
Suspicious Circumstance: 0
Civil Dispute:0
Sexual Offence:0
Highway Disruption:2
RTC:0

**Ford/Great Ness and Little Ness/Nescliffe and Montford Bridge – 9 Incidents**

Assault: 1
Criminal Damage: 0
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking 0
ASB Nuisance: 1
ASB Personal: 1
ASB Environmental: 0
Concern For Safety: 0
Domestic Incident:1
Threats To Kill:0
Suspicious Circumstance: 1
Civil Dispute:0
Sexual Offence:0
Highway Disruption:3
RTC:1

**Hanwood/Longden/Annscroft/Hook – A  
– Gate/Pontesbury and Minsterley – 61  
Incidents**

Assault: 1
Criminal Damage: 0
Burglary Residential: 2
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking: 1
ASB Nuisance: 14
ASB Personal: 8
ASB Environmental: 4
Concern For Safety: 14
Domestic Incident:3
Threats To Kill:0
Suspicious Circumstance: 4
Civil Dispute:1
Sexual Offence:0
Highway Disruption:8
RTC:1

**Bomere Heath – 19 Incidents**

Assault: 1
Criminal Damage: 1
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking 0
ASB Nuisance: 3
ASB Personal: 0
ASB Environmental: 1
Concern For Safety: 4
Domestic Incident:2
Threats To Kill:0
Suspicious Circumstance: 1
Civil Dispute:0
Sexual Offence:0
Highway Disruption:4
RTC:2

# Protecting our communities from county lines

27 people were arrested during a crackdown on county lines across the counties covered by West Mercia Police.

A two week period during February saw regional intensification with heightened work. Criminal activity was targeted as part of the Force’s overarching Protect campaign. This campaign seeks to tackle organised crime and disrupt those causing the most harm in our communities.

During the intensification period heroin, crack cocaine, cocaine and cannabis were seized by Police across Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire.

Over £35,000 in cash was seized, along with 20 mobile phones and weapons; these included knives and an imitation hand gun.

Officers visited ‘cuckooed’ homes believed to be being exploited by drug dealers. They identified and safeguarded vulnerable people at risk of being exploited. Officers also engaged in education activity with fast food outlets, care homes, schools, local authorities, petrol stations and travel hubs across the counties.

Chief Superintendent Damian Barratt said: “West Mercia Police is no different to any other Police Force across the country where county lines drug dealers are exploiting vulnerable children, young people and adults.

“Organised crime groups are targeting our local communities and exploiting vulnerable people to transport drugs into our counties. In a practice known as cuckoo-ing, offenders often seek to take over the homes of vulnerable people to further facilitate drug dealing.

“These groups are often involved in serious violence and do not think twice about putting young and vulnerable people in frightening

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situations, causing them to make decisions that can ultimately change their lives and the lives of others forever. We are determined to do all we can to stop this from happening.

“We’re committed to tackling serious and organised crime as part of our **‘Protect’** campaign. Despite the Covid19 lockdown restrictions this criminality continues and no matter what the circumstances, our officers are here 24/7 365 days a year to protect people from harm.”

To report concerns about County Lines visit the Tell Us About section of [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk). Alternatively information can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is independent of police and completely confidential.

## **West Mercia Police celebrates uplift in officer numbers as part of national programme**

Despite the challenges that COVID-19 has presented police forces, the government is still ahead of schedule to bring in the promised 20,000 more officers by 2023.

With an aim of attracting 6,000 new recruits in England and Wales by April 2021, figures released recently show that the total uplift nationally is already 6,620. The programme has increased the number of police officers nationwide by 5%, bringing a total of 135,248.

Out of this figure, West Mercia Police has recruited 93 officers in year one, which means that the force has met its target for 2020/21. West Mercia Police now has 2298 officers, the highest level in a decade.

The force’s latest intake of 20 Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) student

officers joined on 25 January, with the next intake of 40 Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP) student officers – 16 of these on the brand new Detective Constable DHEP route - joining on 15 March.

Meanwhile, representation of officers from ethnic minority backgrounds has risen to over 2.7%, the highest level the force has ever seen. Similarly, the proportion of female officers now stands at an all-time high of 32.6%. This is a significant increase of 11.56% of women police officers across all ranks over the past year.

The allocation of new officers for the next financial year is 91, with 40 of these to be student officers joining through the PCDA or DHEP routes, posted on Patrol and deployed to Shrewsbury, Telford, Hereford, Worcester, Kidderminster and Redditch.

Meanwhile, 13 officers will join Safer Neighbourhood Teams and 17 detectives will be posted to Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire, as well as the force’s headquarters at Hindlip Hall.

Rachel Hartland Lane, Director of Business Services at West Mercia Police, said: “The national uplift campaign has given us a once in a generation opportunity to improve diversity in policing, as well as contributing to our highest number of officers since 2010.

“We are now a more representative force than ever before, but we still have a way to go to be truly reflective of the people we serve. We have an aspiration to see approximately 5% ethnic minority representation among our officers by 2025, and of course, in order to truly be representative of our communities, the proportion of female officers needs to nudge upwards to 50%.

“Whilst we are currently closed for recruitment for student officers, this will change as we head towards the spring, giving us the perfect opportunity to further increase our representation via our new officers through our different entry routes.”



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Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said: “The communities of West Mercia have made it clear that visible policing is one of their top priorities, and I am delighted that the force has achieved its target for the recruitment of new officers in 2020/21. I have also promised an additional 91 officers through my 2021/22 budget to fight crime and further improve police visibility and accessibility. This uplift of 91 officers, through my budget, equates to 399 additional officers since May 2016.

”Importantly, the figures also indicate that the recruitment programme has increased the number of female and ethnic minority officers, which will have the positive effect of ensuring that the force more accurately reflects the communities it serves. This, in turn, will further improve the trust our communities have in its police force.”

“If the crime is still in progress, because for example, you have recently provided bank details or handed over cards or cash or are going to visit your bank or the caller has arranged for someone to visit your address to collect items, you should call the police to report this on 999.”

## **Fraudsters target people in Shropshire**

We’re aware that criminals pretending to be police officers are again attempting to defraud people in Shropshire.

Police will never ask you to handover or transfer money or purchase vouchers.

Chief Inspector Mark Reilly said:  
“Fraudsters traditionally target older, more vulnerable people however anyone can be a target. They can often be incredibly convincing giving you no reason to think they aren’t genuine. However, I want people to be aware that police will never ask you to handover or transfer money, for whatever reason. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a police officer you should hang up immediately.

“Fraudsters scams can be very elaborate, very convincing and very cruel. If you think someone is trying to scam you, don’t be pressured and give yourself time to stop and think.



## STANDARD INFORMATION FOR ANY NEW BUSINESS WISHING TO ADVERTISE IN THE MONTHLY WESTBURY AND YOCKLETON NEWSLETTER

**Standard (minimum) Size Adverts** : These are all in boxes sized **7.90 cm x 5.43 cm** (landscape layout only), about the size of a business card and cost £2.50 per month. Minimum booking is for **6 months @ £15.00**. I will email you again asking if you wish to book for a further six months during the last month that your advertisement appears. You may of course book for **12 months @ £30.00\***. If you book for a year in advance, you get a “secure placement” which will carry on for as long as you want it to, subject to your paying the renewal invoices on time. New adverts start on the back page and - month by month - move forward column-by-column towards page two, after which they re-start at the back. This ensures that all businesses receive equal coverage throughout the year. As there is a small turnover in the adverts, they will also slowly move up and down the page. Printing will be in full web colours

Before sending me your advert **PRINT this sheet out and make sure your advert fits the relevant box** and is readable at that size.

	7.90 cm
	This is the minimum size advert allowed. 6 months is the minimum you can book.
5.43cm	6 months <b>6 x £2.50 - Total £15.00</b>
	12 months + secure placement <b>12 x £2.50 - Total £30.00*</b>
	79.0 x 54.3mm (2mm all round inner margin)

	7.90 cm
	We run double standard size adverts i.e. <b>7.9cm wide x 10.86cm deep</b>
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	The minimum number of months you can book is six, so that would be:
	6 months <b>6 x £5.00 - Total £30.00</b>
	12 months + secure placement <b>12 x £5.00 - Total £60.00*</b>
	Double size
	79.0 x 108.6mm (2mm all round inner margin)

### Other Size Adverts:

- 1 A Full (A4) page advert, this is priced at £30 per month and is in portrait layout. There is no minimum number of months for which a full A4 size page advert may be booked in advance.
- 2 A Half (A4) page advert, this is priced at £15 per month and needs to be in landscape layout. The minimum number of months for which a half A4 page size advert can be booked in advance is six.

All adverts submitted need to be no lower than 200dpi for print quality and sent to me as a JPG – but separately attached to your covering email, rather than being copied/pasted into the body of your email..

As a guide, I need to receive the graphic of any new business advert about halfway through the preceding month, so that I can email the business concerned with a pdf copy of their advert (as it will appear on the relevant page) for their approval. Once the business has confirmed they are happy with the advert and the number of months for which they wish to book, I will email an invoice and, as soon as payment has been received, the advert will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

For secure slots, I will email a single “invitation to renew” invoice once your last paid for advert is published. I will not publish an advert which is unpaid after the expiry date on the invoice. If you pay late, you are at risk of losing the secure slot.

### PAYMENT

We cannot accept payment by BACCs or Credit or Debit cards - only **Cheques which need to be drawn in favour of Westbury Village Hall** (who provide us with banking facilities) **but posted to me at the address given below** so that I may photocopy each cheque for my Newsletter records before passing it on to our Village Hall Committee's Treasurer to be credited to our Sub-Account within their main account.

Please let me know which size advert you prefer and for how many months you wish to book, so that I can then invoice you – it would be good to get your advert into our next issue. However, we do require receipt of payment before we place an advert.

For our records, I need the name of your business, your postal address, your email address and your landline and mobile telephone numbers. We are no longer able to absorb postal charges within the above costings. If you cannot provide me with an e-mail address to send your invoices, I need to add a charge to each invoice to cover the cost of posting a paper copy. The initial invoice will carry a charge of £2 to cover itself and the first renewal invoice. Subsequent renewal invoices will carry a £1 charge to cover the next renewal invoice. If you need a receipt on paper, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your payment.

Several of the businesses have stated that they find our Newsletter is a very cost-effective advertising platform and we appreciate the financial support we gain from them as we are running the Newsletter on a voluntary basis with no grant from Westbury Parish Council or any other funding or any profit.

My deadline for News items is the last Monday in the previous month, unless that Monday happens to be a Bank Holiday - when it will be the last Tuesday in the previous month. If, however, the last Monday in the previous month is too close to the end of the month to give me time to produce the Newsletter, I will advise accordingly which month your advertisement will commence.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me – via my email.

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