

Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter

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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 November 2020 edition : 9am Monday, 26 October 2020
and for the December 2020 edition : 9am Monday, 23 November 2020.

Westbury Village Hall

Westbury Parish Council : Due to the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 virus, Westbury Parish Council meetings are subject to change and - until further notice - will be held remotely using "Zoom" software to conduct meetings. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday, 5 November 2020. Should any member of the public wish to join the meeting, 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

Westbury WI : Due to the Covid-19 virus, all formal meetings have had to be postponed, but members are still enjoying the occasional "Get Together" in members' gardens. For more information call Jill Jones (01743 884414) or Cilla Perry (01743 884950) or Beryl Johnson (01743 884950) or email : berylclanderic@icloud.com.

Westbury Bowls Club : As usual, will be closed for the summer months but - depending upon restrictions caused by the Covid-19 virus - may start again in the Autumn. For more information, call Dave Williams (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 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).

Westbury Exercise Group : Due to the Covid-19 virus, all future meetings have been postponed until further notice. For more information please contact : rmorris73@gmail.com.

Long Mountain CoE Primary School : Due to the Covid-19 virus situation, the School and Pre-School are only open for the children of NHS staff and other key workers until further notice. For more information, please contact Long Mountain CoE Primary School on 01743 891320.

West Shropshire Flower Club : Unfortunately, with worsening conditions, the October and November meetings have been cancelled and the AGM has been postponed until March 2021. For more information call Liz Dawson (01938 570235) or visit: info@brimford.co.uk.

Yockleton Victory Hall

Yockleton WI : Due to the Covid-19 virus situation, formal meetings and other activities have been suspended until further notice. For more information, please contact Daphne Goodwin (01743 884524).

Rea Valley Young Farmers Club : Although I was asked to report in the April 2020 Newsletter that no meetings of this Club would take place in the future, I have since been advised that this information was incorrect. So, for details of future meetings, please contact : Rebecca Beckett on 07528 944632.

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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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.

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 members are Inspector Saf Ali and Sgt Rebecca Thomas. Joe Bradley continues as my right hand man 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.

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Police Matters

“Overnight Thefts” - the main area of concern - remain, with a number of incidents reported recently from the Cruckton/ Yockleton area. On this occasion they were residential properties which were targeted for petrol type power tools, but farm buildings are always a favourite. 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.

As the evenings begin to draw in, check that your security lights are still working and make sure you “lock up” earlier in the evening to prevent unwanted visitors from helping themselves, aided by the cover of more darkness. 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 two 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 and Joe Bradley 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 the vehicle and callers.

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

Web: www.westmercia.police.uk

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

Household Re-Cycling Centres

Although I advised in the June to September 2020 Newsletters, that Shropshire Council had re-opened all five of their Household Recycling Centres, at the moment it is still not clear from their website whether or not the Guidance Notes and Specific Site Rules are still in operation. So, before deciding to visit, best to check their website :

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

Editor

Yockleton W I

Members enjoyed meeting at “Merton”, the home of Jessica and David Pannett in Shrewsbury. Jessica showed us items from her extensive collection of “Domestic Bygones”, including those used in schools, such as slates with scribes or chalk and articles of clothing such as a “Liberty Bodice”. Members enjoyed reminiscing about the times they had used several items of the memorabilia which have long gone out of use.

Unfortunately, planned meetings and other activities have been suspended, but we look forward to meeting again when the present Covid 19 virus threat wanes. Stay Safe.

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Mrs Penny Carkeet-
James
(No 72)

4th Prize : £5
Daphne Goodwin
(No 75)

5th Prize : £5
Mrs J Gunn
(No 58)

6th Prize : £5
Mrs Mackay
(No 29)

August 2020 Draw

1st Prize : £25
Mark Jones
(No 21)

2nd Prize : £15
Yvonne Holyoak
(No 100)

3rd Prize : £10
Sheila Crowther
(No 39)

4th Prize : £5
The Lee Family
(No 19)

5th Prize : £5
Karen Evans
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Mr and Mrs Ryder
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All future meetings have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus situation.

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## Drop-In for Coffee @ St Mary's On Wednesday mornings

Sessions cancelled until further notice

## Holy Trinity Church Yockleton

We will be holding our  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
at 2.00pm  
on  
Tuesday, 27 October 2020  
in the Church.

All those on the Church Electoral Roll are welcome to attend. Please note that Social Distancing Guidelines will be adhered to.

This will be preceded by our Parishioners' Meeting when we appoint our PCC Secretary and elect Church Wardens for the following year. This is open to all those in the Parish.

*J Howard  
PCC Secretary*

## Yockleton 100 Club Prizewinners

### September 2020 Draw

1st Prize : £25  
Mr and Mrs I Holland  
(No 28)

2nd Prize : £15  
Mr Evans Jones  
(No 59)

3rd Prize : £10  
Mr Brian Knott  
(No 76)

4th Prize : £5  
Andrew Dale  
(No 22)

5th Prize : £5  
Daphne Goodwin  
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6th Prize : £5  
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Initially we will be targeting patients in Care Homes, shielding patients and our "at risk" patients who have a chronic disease such as : COPD, Chronic Kidney Disease, Chronic Heart Disease, Chronic Liver Disease, Diabetes, Splenic Dysfunction, a weakened immune system due to Cancer Treatment or a disease such as HIV/Aids. Our over 65's, pregnant women, carers and children under School Year 7 will also be targeted early. For those aged 50-64 we have to wait for further supplies from NHS England.

We will be running an appointment system, some of which will be conducted in cars in the car park, but we are hoping to be able to do some in the building. Each will be operated on a one way system.

Please call the Surgery on 01743 884727 to make an appointment.

PLEASE be PATIENT - this is all very new to us and we are trying to keep you and ourselves safe from the risk of infection.

Pneumonia Injections for the over 65's are available all year round; this is not an annual injection and you usually only need one.

Shingles Injections are also available for 70-79 year olds all year round and you only need it the once - not annually.

*Helen Bowkett  
Practice Manager : Westbury Medical Centre - M82013  
Westbury Medical Centre, Westbury. SY5 9QX : 01743 884727  
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Many thanks to everyone who has donated stamps  
so far. *Alex Tucker*

### **Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter 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 volunteer distributors, many of whom - like me - are OAPs and have been advised to stay at home..

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*Editor*

## Sabrina Mobile Library

The vast majority of stops will be on the same day and time as before, and we hope this will continue to be the case. The situation around COVID-19 and Government Advice and Regulations - both locally and nationally - is likely to change, sometimes at short notice.

There are some changes to bear in mind when visiting the Mobile Library :

- Only one person (or household) is allowed on board at a time
- Queue outside the vehicle until allowed on board, maintain a 2 metre distance from others
- Face coverings are mandatory
- Use the hand sanitiser provided when you board
- Make your visit as brief as you can, to ensure the Mobile Library can leave to go to the next stop on time.

The dates for the rest of the year (subject to change due to inclement weather, vehicle breakdown or COVID-19) are as follows :

### **Mobile Library Stops : Days, Times and Routes**

#### **Route 8 : Alternate weeks on a Monday** **Mondays 12 October and 26 October 2020**

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

#### **Route 2 : Alternate Weeks on a Tuesday** **Tuesdays 6 October and 20 October 2020**

|                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Aston Rogers, opposite Brook House :    | 1.00pm - 1.10pm |
| Lower Wallop, Wallop Cottages :         | 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** **Thursdays 8 October and 22 October 2020**

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

*Ellen Powell*  
*Team Librarian : Libraries Team*  
*Shropshire Council, The Annexe, The Shirehall,*  
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**St Mary's  
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Prize Winners  
September 2020  
Draw**

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Wallop  
(No 98)

2nd Prize : £14  
Jan Gore  
(No 87)

3rd Prize : £8  
James Tomlins  
(No 50)

4th Prize : £5  
Mr and Mrs  
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(No 59)

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## Westbury Parish Council

Road Closures and other local items are included on our new website which can be found at :

**[www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk)**

The Royal Mail Post Box next to the former Post Office and Shop in Westbury is to be removed and the Parish Council have requested that it be relocated next to the Village Notice Board which is now opposite St Mary's Church. The Clerk has not received a response or confirmation to date.

The Cemetery gates at Hinwood Road are in need of repair and Shropshire Council will chase up this matter with their Works Team. I will place a notification on our website when the works will take place - if I am told - so people are not concerned if the gates are removed.

Yockleton and Westbury Play areas will be opening with Covid 19 Notices displayed, but this is subject to Government Guidelines and may change.

*Sarah Smith  
Clerk and RFO  
Westbury Parish Council*

## Westbury W I

Hello everyone. Hope you are well and safe !

We have been kept up to date from the WI County Office and at present we are collecting plastic bottles and filling them with small pieces of plastic paper to make an "eco brick".

We are looking forward to Christmas and the Federation has organised each W.I Branch to make a decoration from a wooden slice to be put on a Christmas Tree in St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury at the Carol Service on Sunday, 20 December 2020 when the theme will be "Unity and Strength".

Keep Well !

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

## Bereavement Support for Shropshire Residents

A new service has been launched to support people who are experiencing and suffering from bereavement and loss. The offer is open to any Shropshire resident who has been bereaved, either by a recent death or a previous loss. The Bereavement Support Service is operated by Shropshire Council and Community Voluntary Partners : Samaritans, CRUSE, Severn Hospice and Crane Quality Counselling. The service can be accessed through self-referral by calling **0345 678 9028**.

The Bereavement Support Service is accompanied by the launch of a

### ***"Grief and Bereavement During COVID19"***

booklet which provides a compassionate overview of coping with loss, feelings that may be experienced, supporting others who are grieving and links to help and information. A secondary booklet provides a practical guide for the process following a death and what has changed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Digital versions of these resources are available from the Shropshire Council website bereavement page at: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/bereavement-services/support-and-resources-for-those-recently-bereaved/>

*Sarah Smith  
Clerk and RFO : Westbury Parish Council*

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## Road Closures

Please see below details of Temporary Road Closures

**Date : Friday, 9 October 2020 01:00am**

**Road Closure:** B4387 from Westbury Junction with B4386 to Halfway House A458, Westbury

**Start Date :** 9 October 2020

**End Date :** 9 October 2020

**Purpose :** Road Closure - Network Rail, Level Crossing Annual Test.

**Works Promoter :** Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

**Works Promoter Ref :** KL452SBA10M20C091020

**Enforcement pattern for B4387 : from Westbury Junction with B4386 : All the time**

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=118212862>

**Date : Monday, 12 October 2020 11:30pm**

**Road Closure:** B4387 from Westbury Junction with B4386 to Halfway House A458, Westbury

**Start Date :** 12 October 2020

**End Date :** 13 October 2020

**Purpose:** Road Closure - Network Rail, access to flail, working times 23:00 - 05:50

**Works Promoter:** Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

**Works Promoter Ref:** KL452SBA10M20C121020

**Enforcement pattern for B4387 From Westbury Junction with B4386:** 23:00 - 05:50

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=11797>

Should you have any queries regarding these closures, please call :

Customer Services on 0345 6789006

or email the Street Works Team on : [streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk).

**Date : Monday, 4 January 2021 : 08:00am**

**Road Closure :** B4386 Junction to Rowley Junction, Church Farm, Worthen

**Start Date :** 4 January 2021

**End Date :** 4 January 2021

**Purpose :** Road Closure : WPD - Tree Trimming

**Works Promoter :** Western Power Distribution

**Works Promoter Ref :** HM5130659248

**Enforcement pattern for B4386 : From B4386 Junction  
to Rowley Junction, Church Farm, Worthen : 08.00 - 16.30**

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=118543426>

Source : Sarah-Jane Smith  
Clerk and RFO : Westbury Parish Council  
Website : [www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk)

## All Souls' Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

The end of October and beginning of November offer us some strange festivals with which some people feel uncomfortable and many misunderstand.

All Hallows (Saints) Eve : 30<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints Day 1<sup>st</sup> November

All Souls' Day 2<sup>nd</sup> November

It is commonly believed - in ancient Celtic mythology - that winter and the New Year began on 1st November and, on the evening preceding it, the departed souls would return to their homes; so - to avoid the ghosts - people would wear masks and light bonfires. Whether any of this is true or not, I have no idea. It is also believed that the Roman Church in the Middle Ages put their stamp on it by changing it to a religious festival, as with many other dates.

All Souls' Day is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead; it is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. There is a variety of folklore which explains All Saints and All Souls' Days but, without getting into hot water and a debate on Church and Pagan history, we can summarise it as : All Saints Day remembering those who have died / been martyred in the cause of the Christian faith; and All Souls commemorating all of those who have died and gone before us.

One of the blessings about being a Parish Church is that, when someone dies, people often turn to the Church to take the funeral and assist the mourners to walk through their time of need, to re-assure them of the Christian hope and bring the strength they need to face tomorrow.

This year, All Souls' Day will be particularly poignant and great sensitivity is needed. At the outset of the Covid pandemic, there was a tough and immediate Lock Down which resulted in Church services being halted and funerals being reduced to a short grave-side or crematorium service with only the immediate next of kin present. We promised everyone that, once the Lock Down was over, we could have Services of Thanksgiving and Remembrance; and yet here we are - six months later - in the closing months of the year and there still appears to be no end in sight and no return to normal.

Whilst there has been some easing of the arrangements to allow thirty mourners at a funeral (although the Crematorium still only allows thirteen due to its size) we are still a long way from being able to mark the loss of our loved ones as we would like. We can't have a Wake, we can't even invite more than six people back home for a cup of tea. The loss of a loved one is hard to bear, whether your faith is strong or not and - when life is cut short in an untimely way - it makes it all the more devastating. What we all crave and what our human souls need is company..... we need one another, we need to be loved and we need people around us to share and support us in our difficult times. I believe that God made us this way, he created within us an interdependence so that the stronger can support the weak in their hour of need. Despite the difficulties of the Covid restrictions, I have heard many stories of neighbourly care - love, flowers, meals prepared and left on doorsteps - just practical ways of saying "you matter to us" !

Westbury and Worthen Food Banks and Hubs are another great example of how people want to support each other in times of need.

As we approach this season of festivals, we will need to remember those who have suffered loss and so to be very sensitive at this time, especially if your household is planning any "Halloween activities".

On Sunday 1st November, we are hoping to have a special Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the lives of all those souls who have departed over the last year. Numbers are - at the time of writing - not restricted, as this type of service is exempt; but we will need to observe social distancing which will reduce the capacity of the Church buildings.

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Please join us as we give thanks for the lives of those whom we have lost this year. We have two services, both on Sunday 1st November :

St. Mary's Church, Westbury at 11:00am

All Saints Church, Worthen at 6:00pm

2020 will be remembered for many years to come; for a lot of people they will need our ongoing love and support throughout the coming year too; drawing strength from Thomas Chisholm's great hymn :

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changes not, Thy compassion's, they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be*

*Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided**  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
**Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow**  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside !*

*Thomas O Chisholm*

May the Lord bless you.

*Revd David Moss  
Rector for the Parishes of Westbury, Worthen and Yockleton  
Tel: 01743 884165*

## **Connecting Shropshire : Programme Update : September 2020**

Top-up Voucher Scheme – <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/gigabit-broadband-voucher-scheme>

Shropshire Council has made up to £1 million of additional funding available to 'top-up' the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme in partnership with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS).

**The purpose of this strategic investment is to support those premises currently not included in any Connecting Shropshire contract.**

For homes, the maximum funding per voucher will be £4,000, thanks to an extra £2,500 per voucher from Shropshire Council. Eligible businesses can receive an additional £3,500 bringing the maximum funding per voucher to £7,000. To qualify for the Scheme, groups of two or more residents/businesses must be located in a rural area and be unable to get broadband speeds of 100Mbps.

How does the Voucher Scheme work ?

The chart overleaf shows the step-by-step process that each voucher recipient will go through to activate their voucher:

| 01                                                                       | 02                                                                                     | 03                                                         | 04                                                          | 05                                                              | 06                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Find a registered supplier and sign up for a gigabit capable connection. | Your supplier requests a voucher from us. We check you are happy to go ahead by email. | Your supplier gets to work to deliver your new connection. | Connected !<br>Your supplier lets us know the work is done. | We check with you by email that the service is live and working | We sometimes make some Further checks before we pay |

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Enter your postcode in the checker on the DCMS website ( <a href="https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/">https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/</a> ) to find a registered supplier and sign up for a gigabit- capable broadband connection; |
| 2 | Your supplier requests a voucher from DCMS, who will email you to check that you are happy to go ahead;                                                                                                                                       |
| 3 | Your supplier installs the infrastructure required to deliver your new broadband connection;                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4 | Once you are connected, your supplier lets DCMS know the work is done;                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5 | DCMS emails you to check that the new broadband connection is working properly;                                                                                                                                                               |
| 6 | DCMS may make further checks, including a site visit, before they pay your supplier.                                                                                                                                                          |

### **Broadband Coverage Map Updated :**

Connecting Shropshire has analysed the information from the Market Intelligence Review and the updated Coverage Map is now available online, see :

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

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## Summary of Market Intelligence Review analysis :

| <b>Classification</b>                                  | <b>Premises</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Current superfast coverage (grey dots)                 | 145,960         |
| Planned superfast coverage by June 2023 (blue dots)    | 3,935           |
| No current or planned superfast coverage (yellow dots) | 1,433           |
| <b>TOTAL Premises</b>                                  | <b>151,328</b>  |

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

### Any Questions ?

If you have any broadband-related queries, please email :

[connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk)

with your question, as well as providing your address and landline telephone number (if you have one).

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*Editor*

## 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 those planning applications  
whose status has changed since the entries shown in the September 2020 Newsletter.

(N.B No new applications registered on Shropshire Council's Planning website at the time of producing this  
October 2020 Newsletter)

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| Application Reference | Applicant/Agent                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Date         | Proposal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Status                           |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 20/02772/COU          | Mr Andrew Lawrence<br>The Old Chapel, Ford Heath,<br>Shrewsbury. SY5 9GG                                                                                                                                               | 22 July 2020 | Change of use from live/work unit to open market residential dwelling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <u>Granted</u>                   |
| 20/02696/FUL          | Mr N Davies<br>Seven Springs, Monday<br>Town, Westbury. SY5 9HG<br>Agent: Gareth Hickman<br>Architectural Ltd,<br>Lightmoor Road, Lightmoor,<br>Telford. TF4 3QN                                                       | 14 July 2020 | Erection of agricultural storage building.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <u>Pending<br/>Consideration</u> |
| 20/01715/FUL          | Mr Kenneth Davis<br>The Pebbles, Marche Lane,<br>Halfway House, Shrewsbury<br>SY5 9DE<br><br>Agent:: Mrs Charlene Sus-<br>sums-Lewis,<br>Carter Jonas LLP,<br>Canon Court North,<br>Abbey Lawn, Shrewsbury.<br>SY2 5DE | 11 May 2020  | To develop a Single Plot Exception Site for a three-bed dwelling with detached garage within the existing grounds of "The Pebbles", Marche Lane, Halfway House, Shrewsbury SY5 9DE with associated hard-standing curtilage, access and connection to required services. The access, parking and turning areas can all be accommodated within the curtilage of the Site. The proposed dwelling will be a separate entity to The Pebbles. | <u>Awaiting<br/>Decision</u>     |
| 20/01785/PMBPA        | Mr Wes Morris<br>Top House Farm, Vron Gate<br>Westbury. SY5 9RQ<br><br>Agent:: Mr Gerallt Davies,<br>Roger Parry & Partners<br>1 Berriew Street<br>Welshpool. SY21 7SQ                                                 | 6 May 2020   | Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use of barn conversion to two residential units and associated works from agriculture to residential use at Top House Farm, Vron Gate, Westbury. SY5 9RQ                                                                                                                   | <u>Pending<br/>Consideration</u> |

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## Shropshire Council Planning Applications

| Application Reference | Applicant/Agent                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Date                | Proposal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <u>Status</u>                       |
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| 20/01150/AGR          | Mr W Onions<br>W Onions & Sons,<br>Lower House Farm<br>c/o Hogstow Hall, Minsterley,<br>Shrewsbury. SY5 0HZ<br><br>Agent : Mr P Middleton<br>Roger Parry & Partners LLP<br>Hogstow Hall, Minsterley,<br>Shrewsbury. SY5 0HZ | 16 March 2020       | Erection of an agricultural building at Lower House Farm, Stoney Stretton, Yockleton. SY5 9PZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <u>Planning Permission Required</u> |
| 20/00692/FUL          | Mr Andrew Griffiths<br>c/o Agent : Sophie Moore<br>Berrys, Beech House,<br>Anchorage Avenue,<br>Shrewsbury Business<br>Park, Shrewsbury.<br>SY2 6FG                                                                         | 24 February<br>2020 | Increase in number of touring caravan pitches by 17 (total of 42 pitches).<br>Erection of Manager's dwelling;<br>application under Section 73aA of the Town & Country Planning Act for the retrospective installation of otter-proof boundary fencing on land north west of Westley House Farm, Hem Lane, Horsebridge, Minsterley. | <u>Pending Consideration</u>        |

### Help to Get Online for the Over 65's

#### Digital Skills for Shropshire Citizens

**Do you feel a little lost using technology ? Need help using the Internet ? Do you feel nervous about using a computer or frustrated about being left behind, as everything seems to be online these days ?**

Getting to grips with the Internet can really help you in later life. Being online means you can keep in touch and see your friends and family. You can save money and grab a bargain or two, get shopping delivered and better manage your health and finances. Research shows that there are more people age 65+ in Shropshire who are not online than in other parts of the UK – which means older people are missing out.

Shropshire Council is supporting people aged 65+ to get online and learn how to use technology safely through a project called Digital Skills for Shropshire Citizens. The project links local support to people who want help to learn how to use their laptops, mobile phones or tablets and get the most out of the Internet. Learning slowly, taking small steps and having the time to practise are keys to success.

If you'd like more information about this service, please contact Andrea Miller, Shropshire Council's Digital Champion Lead on 01743 254834. She is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Email: [andrea.miller@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.miller@shropshire.gov.uk).

Please note : Due to the COVID 19 virus, learning and support opportunities are temporarily on hold. Please get in touch to register your interest in this project as soon as possible, so that when services re-open you can get the help you need.

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