

Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter

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Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must reach me by : for the January 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 28 December 2020
and for the February 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 25 January 2021.

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. Dates of 2021 meetings will appear in the January 2021 Newsletter. 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

Westbury WI : Due to the Covid-19 virus, all meetings are held monthly either outdoors in members' gardens or indoors using "Zoom". It is hoped to meet on Wednesday, 9 December 2020 either in a member's home at 2.00 pm or, if this is not possible, to meet later that day via Zoom at 7.30pm. For more information call Jill Jones (01743 884414) or Cilla Perry (01743 884950) or Beryl Johnson (01743 884950) or email: berylanderic@icloud.com.

Westbury Bowls Club : As usual, has been closed for the summer months but - depending upon restrictions caused by the Covid-19 virus - may start again in the New Year. For more information, please 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 Exercise Group : Due to the Covid-19 virus, all future meetings have been postponed until further notice. For more information, please send an email to Ruth Morriss: rmorriss73@gmail.com, or leave a voice message or text on 07788123380 (Mobile).

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

Long Mountain CoE Primary School : operates at Worthen and the Pre-School is 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. For more information, please contact Long Mountain CoE Primary School on 01743 891320.

West Shropshire Flower Club : Unfortunately, with worsening conditions, the December meeting has been cancelled and the AGM has been postponed until March 2021. For more information, please 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 : 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.

Revised Refuse and Recycling Services
Dec 2020 - Jan 2021 : See Page 4

CANCELLATION

St Mary's Church Westbury : Christmas Fayre
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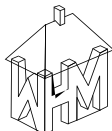
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<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2993/Team-Calendar-and-Events?amonth=2&ayear=2018&submit=Go>

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

To view the September 2020 SNT Newsletter, please follow this link : <https://wylocalnews.co.uk/police-news>

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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. Residential properties are often targeted for petrol type power tools, and 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.

Now evenings have drawn 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 few months.

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

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

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

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

Security marking can help recover stolen items and there are a number of options available. Please remain vigilant and ensure everything gets locked all the time - not just last thing at night. Keep in touch with your neighbours by telephone and - for those who use social media - post strange vehicles and unusual events. Neighbourhood Watch is nothing complicated or formal. It's just keeping an eye out, but also letting others know - including me - if you have the registration numbers of vehicles that don't look or feel right. It doesn't matter if it is via Facebook, WhatsApp or a text message. Email me 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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and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December - Refuse**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Green and Recycling**

\*\*These temporary changes start on Saturday, 19 December 2020 and end on Saturday, 9 January 2021. Collections will return to normal from Monday, 11 January 2021.

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

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

*Editor*

## Police Matters continued ...

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 Ross Cookson 1324

SNT Shrewsbury Rural West

Police Wildlife Crime Officer

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**Rural SNT based at:** Pontesbury Police Station, Minsterley Road,

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(No 120)

Thank you to  
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## BINGO

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 (No 85)

5th Prize : £5  
 Mrs M Leask  
 (No 84)

6th Prize : £5  
 Mrs A Lawton  
 (No 24)

**November 2020  
 Draw**

1st Prize : £25  
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2nd Prize : £15  
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 (No 43)

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 (No 12)

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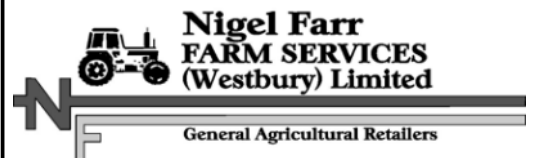


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 "Oh No !" I hear you groan.  
 Sorry, but I seem to have got the bug and even find myself getting up in the middle of the night to pen a few lines. They are all quite topical. I am in the process of putting them together, which is no mean feat for me without any desktop publishing skills. I hope to have the booklets available by the end of November, so please support me and the Church in this venture. The price will be £4.00 - but any donation acceptable.  
 Many thanks.

Jenny Howard (01743 821768) or

Dear All

It is with sadness that I announce that our “morale boosting End of Lockdown” **Christmas Fayre on this Saturday, 5 December 2020 is now cancelled.** Please can you spread the word around.

The decision has been made by the Churchwarden and me, following consultation with the Parochial Church Council and others. Whilst the event probably could have been undertaken safely and within the current Government Guidelines, a number of people felt that there was a lot of unease in the community about the rising number of Covid-19 cases locally. There was also some concern about the inclement weather forecast for Saturday.

If anyone has prepared Produce, Cakes and or Decorations to sell, we could still do this via an Online or Email Auction which I would be happy to host. I will discuss this further and let you know.

Best wishes

David Moss

Revd. David Moss  
Rector for the Parishes of Westbury, Worthen and Yockleton  
01743 884165

### Christmas Message 2020 : Community News

As 2020 draws to a close and we look with hope towards the New Year, we reflect on the year that has changed everything, including our confidence.

2020 turned out to be a time of trauma, loss and struggle in this country and around the world. Faced with the fear of Covid 19, we rediscovered hunger and poverty in our first world civilised nation; it caused a rise in domestic violence cases and - for many - mental health issues became a reality. In addition, we were dismayed by the lack of progress with our departure from Europe. There were uncertainties, for many people the promise of Brexit - which had been voted for - failed to emerge in the way they expected. Whether we welcome it or not, it has now cast doubt on the strength of the Union of the United Kingdom. Then, at the back of all this, there is the rumble of climate change.

I think most of us are mentally exhausted, we need Christmas - the season of hope - more than ever.

The Archbishop of York - Stephen Cottrell - recently said :

*“I hate this Coronavirus, I hate it not only because so many have died, but because so many people have died alone, unable to hold the hand of a dearly beloved. I hate it because our Health Service has been stretched to the limit. I hate it because so many could not sit next to a family member at a funeral or embrace each other. I hate it because weddings and baptisms have been postponed, or have gone ahead without the parties that have meant to be with them. I hate it because children's schooling has been disrupted. I hate it because so many people have been so ill, crying out in pain, so many isolated, lonely, fearful and depressed. I hate it because - behind locked doors - terrible things have happened. I hate it because the poor and the disadvantaged have been hit the hardest. I hate it because it has left so many people across the world feeling hopeless, as if life itself has been taken from us.”*

Yet, the Biblical message that “suffering brings perseverance and strength” has been evident by the deeds and actions of so many in our wonderful communities. Whilst we all agree with the Archbishop’s comments, we could also turn them around and say – “but I have loved the last nine months because it taught me to value the national treasure of the NHS; I have loved witnessing the faithfulness of all who have served their community through neighbourly shopping, food distribution points and regular telephone contact. This outpouring of love didn’t come from the State but from the hearts of individuals. I loved the VE Day Afternoon Tea Celebrations which we had in our own gardens. I love the way we have rediscovered the simple things in life – Continental travel no longer matters, so long as we are with the people we love. We can grow our own vegetables again and walk on Aston Hill. I love the way that it has fostered a sense of hope ..... hope in the New Year, hope in our scientists to provide a vaccine, hope in the goodness of humanity.

We could - like the Labour Party did after the 1997 elections - adopt the song “Things can only get better...” as a campaign slogan. Thinking of us as individuals and our characters, in many ways, things (in 2020) did get better. We could suggest that maybe things only got better precisely because of the trauma which we have been through,

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and the fact that we have emerged all the stronger.

In mid-November, as I write this, our Church prayer for the day was:

*Heavenly Father, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive us in new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

As we end 2020, the hope is for us all to rediscover that which we had lost, the joy of the message of Christmas. God, in the form of Jesus, came to earth as a child to walk with us, laugh with us and suffer with us. He brought the good news that we are loved and accepted unconditionally, a hope that through the knowledge of God and walking in his ways, we can find true peace however stormy the seas around us may be, we don't have to be in control to feel secure. I'm sure that Mary and Joseph, as they sat in a noisy stable with angels coming and going, wise men, shepherds and all and sundry, must have felt a lack of control and an element of fear; and yet ... peace too, in the knowledge that God was right there with them in their midst.

*'Your word Oh Lord is a light to my path and a lamp to my feet'* Psalm 119 says.

I'm sure that for all of us, our prayer is that this Christmas we can once again be surrounded with our families and enjoy eating and laughing with each other. But - as we share in the Christmas joy - let us not forget the lessons of 2020, spare a thought, maybe there's someone near you who needs a Christmas present, or additional food for the table, or a little outpouring of love ?

Jesus reminded us that - *"what you do for the least of one of these (people), you do for me."*

Have a Blessed, Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

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

## **Westbury W I**

On Wednesday, 11 November 2020, members met via Zoom and enjoyed hearing details of special people read by members.

We decided upon two ideas for the meeting in a member's home at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 9 December 2020 but - if this cannot take place - we will meet via zoom at 7.30pm reading Christmas poems.

Westbury Parochial Church Council have agreed that we can plant a small tree - in the Church grounds - to commemorate 90 Years of Westbury W I.

At 6pm on Wednesday, 16 December, Shropshire Radio are asking everyone to join them in Carol Singing on your own doorstep and outside in St Mary's Churchyard.

Hope you are all well and Keep Safe.

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

## **Shropshire Star**

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

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

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

*Editor*



## CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER 2020 TO JANUARY 2020

(All Services are Government advice permitting)

### Sunday, 6 December 2020

Zoom 9:30am

Second of Advent All Saints', Worthen (said communion) 8:00am

St Mary's, Westbury 11:00am

Holy Trinity, Yockleton 11:00am

### Sunday, 13 December 2020

Zoom 9:30am

Third of Advent All Saints', Worthen 11:00am

### Wednesday 16 December 6:00pm

St Mary's, Westbury Doorstep Carols, joining with Radio Shropshire, singing carols outdoors in the Churchyard and doorsteps.

Holy Trinity, Yockleton singing carols in Brookside Gardens. 6:00pm

### Sunday, 20 December 2020

Zoom 9:30am

Fourth of Advent St Mary's, Westbury 11:00am

### Thursday, 24 December 2020

All Saints', Worthen 3:00pm

Christmas Eve Holy Trinity, Yockleton 4:00pm

St Mary's, Westbury 11:00pm

### Friday, 25 December 2020

Zoom 9:30am

Christmas Day All Saints', Worthen 3:00pm

### Sunday, 27 December 2020

Zoom 9:30am

John the Apostle, St Mary's, Westbury 11.00am

### Sunday, 3 January 2021

Second of Christmas St Mary's, Westbury (said Communion) 8.00am

Zoom 9:30am

*Rev. David Moss*

*Rector for the Parishes of Westbury, Worthen and Yockleton*

*Tel: 01743 884165*

## 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*

## 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 7 December 2020**

(Monday 21 December 2020 - No visit)

|                                         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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**

##### **Tuesday 15 December 2020**

(Tuesday 29 December - No visit)

|                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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**

##### **Thursday 17 December 2020**

(Thursday 31 December - No visit)

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 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,  
Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 6ND*

*Direct Line : 01743 255309 Library Support: 01743 255024 :*

*Libraries : <libraries@shropshire.gov.uk> : Website: www.shropshire.gov.uk*



Long Mountain PTFA  
presents

# Christmas Extravaganza Raffle

Wednesday, 16th December 2020

Prizes include:- Family Trip on the Sabrina Boat, Shrewsbury.  
1 hour pony trek for 2 at Long Mountain Riding Centre.  
Full car valet at Hatfields, Shrewsbury.  
Meal for 2 at The Lowfield Inn, Marton.  
£40 voucher for Stephen's Hair by Design voucher.  
Nerdy Cafe Family Membership.  
£20 meal voucher for the Raven, Welshpool.  
Passmaster Football Voucher.  
Kerryvale Vineyard Voucher.  
Gel polish from Defined Beauty by Tasha.  
Soap Shack Hamper.  
Toy Tractor from Rea Valley Tractors.  
Meat voucher from Hignetts.  
Little rascals voucher for free entry for 2 children.  
Sunday Lunch for 2 at The Cock, Brockton.  
Cream Tea voucher for The British Ironworks Centre.

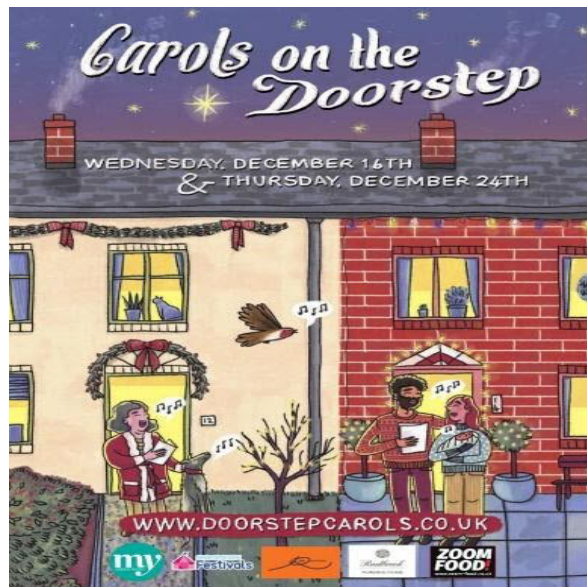


Tickets cost £1 each and are available at  
<https://raffall.com/135111/enter-raffle-to-win-christmas-extravaganza-hosted-by-long-mountain-ptfa->



# CAROL SINGING

6 pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Come to your door, join with  
Holy Trinity Church



and Shropshire Radio  
in Brookside Gardens and  
around Yockleton village,  
socially distancing, to sing  
"Carols on the Doorstep"

Download words for the Carols at : [www.doorstepcarols.co.uk](http://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk)

Jenny Howard : PCC Secretary : 01743 821768  
Email: <[jennyhoward128@outlook.com](mailto:jennyhoward128@outlook.com)>

## Christmas Lights for NHS Appeal



Hey fellow residents of Yockleton, my friend Sheila and I have had an idea.

You know how hard those NHS staff are working again ? We thought it was time we showed them some more recognition for their hard work. How about - when we are be-decking our homes and gardens with festive lights - we go that bit further and add some extras and make this village really shine ? Maybe a rainbow or two ? A flashing rainhow - even better !!

Let's put this village on the map for December.

Although our family gatherings may be small this year, this wish comes to you all for a peaceful and cosy Christmas.

*Jenny and Sheila*

## Long Mountain C of E Primary School

Jane Gill, Headteacher has sent me the two poems below which the children wrote during Black History Month, in response to Maya Angelou's poem "Caged Bird". Jane will be leaving her post as Headteacher at the end of December and, from the beginning of the January term, Mrs Bethany Rowe will be the Headteacher at the School.

### Poultry Hen

A free hen struts  
On the grass of freedom  
Then strolls down hill  
Till the sun gets low  
And dips his beak  
In the deep blue water  
And dares to claim the land

But the hen that pushes  
Through his crowded Shed  
Can seldom see through  
His crowd of peers  
His leg is tagged and  
His wings are clipped  
So he opens his beak to cluck

The poultry hen clucks  
With a fearful crow  
Of food unknown  
But longed for still  
And his tune is heard  
In the distant valley  
For the trapped hen  
Crows of freedom

**Pete Wilde**

### The Caged Tiger

A free tiger tiptoes  
on the green undergrowth  
and runs downstream  
till the jungle ends  
and dips his paw  
in the crystal blue water  
and dares to claim the rainforest

But a tiger that paces  
down his narrow cage  
can seldom see through  
his bars of rage  
his ears are tagged and  
his feet are chained  
so he opens his jaw to growl

The caged tiger growls  
with a fearful rumble  
of things unknown  
but longed for still  
and his voice is heard  
on a faraway field  
for the caged tiger  
growls for freedom

**By Class 4**



## 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.

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)**

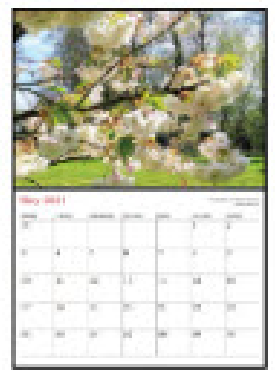
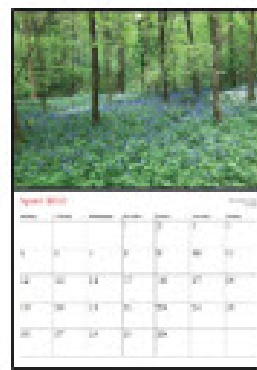
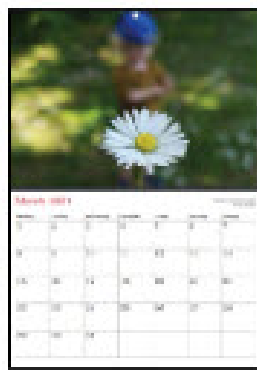
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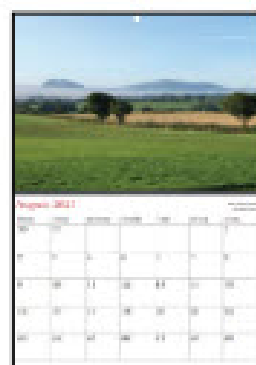
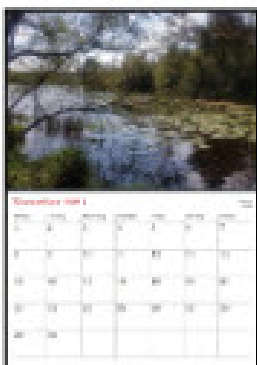
by giving your email address, future copies of the Newsletter will be automatically downloaded to your email Inbox every month, at no charge to you.

Furthermore, this will allow you to print off copies of the Newsletter for any neighbours or friends who may not have a computer.

*Editor*



**A4 Calendars available soon : £6 each**  
**Proceeds go to Westbury Benefice**  
**Contact Reverend David Moss to order**  
**01743 884165 or davidmosswy@gmail.com**



**DECEMBER 2020 : UPDATE FROM ED POTTER**  
**YOUR SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL UNITARY COUNCILLOR**  
**The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 6ND**

Dear All

Like many I naively thought - seven or eight months ago when we first heard mention of the Covid 19 virus - that we would have returned back to some sort of normality by now, and I was very much guilty of uttering those famous words "it would all be over by Christmas". However this is clearly not the case as we emerge from a second national Lock Down and look towards what will be a very unusual festive period.

There is no doubt the impact of Covid 19 is very far reaching. There are a number of avenues for support, if you or someone you know might be struggling in any way. These include - but are not exclusive to - Mental Health, Food, Business Grants, Heating, Information for Families and Support for the Elderly. Please visit : <http://shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus> or call 0345 678 9000, as I am more than happy to help with any specific enquiries or requests for support. With so much uncertainty and families under increasing pressures, it is great to see the local Food Bank which operates from the porch of the Church in Westbury operating so well, a big Thank You to all those who co-ordinate and support this fantastic Community Project.

Local Plan Update - the latest round of consultation has been completed and the latest version published. Westbury's Planning Status remains as Open Countryside - as before - so no change on this front and I don't expect this to change moving forward.

Recycling and Energy Saving - Shropshire Council is in the top 15% of all Councils for recycling rates which currently stand at around 55% of all waste. 60% would put us in the top 5%. The Council has also started the process of replacing all highway street lights with LEDs. This will not only save money (£1 million annually) but is also good for the environment.

Free Parking in Council Car Parks. From 3 December 2020, all Council car parks will be free of charge after 11.00am in order to support shoppers and town centre traders alike; this will operate until 17 January 2021, so plenty of opportunity to support Shrewsbury's traders after the Christmas rush.

Even though December will look very different this year, no matter how you celebrate or spend the coming weeks, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a more positive 2021.

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

## Road Closure

Please see below details of Temporary Road Closure

**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 : 08.00am - 16.30pm**

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

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



# Community Good Neighbours

## Pontesbury and Rea Valley District

We are pleased to announce the development of a brand-new community project called :

### **Community Good Neighbours, Pontesbury and Rea Valley,**

**'A team of local volunteers able to offer a helping hand within the community'**

The difficulties faced by many people, including loneliness, isolation and stress, particularly since the pandemic, have highlighted the significant need for a local network of support to enable people to remain healthy, independent and connected within their communities.

Volunteers provide essential support to local people who have found themselves alone or isolated, with health issues or even a change in circumstances.

A friendly voice and a regular chat can make a real difference, and has already made a positive impact on people's lives.

The aim of the service is to link a volunteer with a person who may be in need of a Good Neighbour volunteer for:

- A friendly chat;
- A phone call;
- Doing small errands such as medication collection;
- Support to stay active and connected within the community;
- Sign posting to local support.

This service is the combination of the existing team of Pontesbury Coco Befriending volunteers joining together with the Volunteers Helping Neighbours group, who all have worked hard to provide social contact and a much-needed-medicine and shopping collection service over the course of the pandemic.

If you would like to have the support of one of our volunteers please leave a message with your name and contact number. Messages are currently responded to within two working days.

**TEL: 07944 891953**

Equally if you are interested in volunteering for the scheme, or for further information, please leave a message on the above telephone number.

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





Households in Westbury Parish will soon be receiving a free SmartWater kit purchased uniquely for their household by your local Parish Council working alongside the We Don't Buy Crime team and West Mercia Police to **protect your home from burglary**.

Due to the current restriction of Covid-19 and the need to self-isolate, this kit has been safely pre-registered to your address and **this solution is now unique to your home**. This procedure is in line with Royal Mail General Data Protection Regulations/Guidelines; however should you wish to opt out of this initiative simply email :

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

and we will remove the kit/your record from the initiative.

### **Why protect your items with SmartWater ?**

If your items were stolen, the Police could trace them back to you. By SmartWater protecting your items, you deter burglary.

The "We Don't Buy Crime" team works vigorously to encourage all organisations who buy items off the public (i.e. retailers, scrap metal merchants, auction houses, antique and jewellery dealers) to check for SmartWater, thereby sabotaging the re-sale avenue of stolen goods. We have over 200 businesses that are actively doing this.

**In a Court of Law, SmartWater is sufficient evidence to convict a criminal with a 100% conviction rate in Court to date. Since 1995, over 1000 SmartWater convictions have taken place and a far greater number of burglaries prevented in our neighbourhoods and SmartWater protected areas see an average reduction in burglaries of 65% .**

### **What's in SmartWater ?**

SmartWater is made up from 85% Water, 10% polymers plus a unique mix of rare earth metal traces which makes every bottle unique.

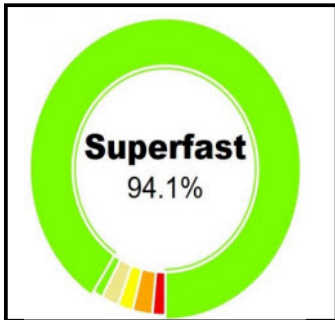
SmartWater is invisible in daylight but is fluorescent under UV light and cannot be removed once fully adhered to its surface.

### **What if I do not receive a kit ?**

We will be sending out over 800 kits. If you are aware your neighbour has received a kit and you have not, please contact the Parish Council and advise the Clerk.

# Connecting Shropshire Programme Update, November 2020

## **Superfast broadband coverage - Superfast broadband is defined as a download speed of at least 30mbps.**



Independent data from Thinkbroadband™ puts superfast broadband coverage in the Shropshire Council area at 94%, see:

<https://labs.thinkbroadband.com/local/shropshire,E06000051>

In a Press Release, Shropshire Council has reaffirmed its commitment to bringing superfast broadband to the whole County. To date, over £34m of public funding has provided 68,000 premises with access to a

superfast broadband connection. To read the full statement, go to:

[https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2020/10/shropshire-broadband-speed/#\\_ftn1](https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2020/10/shropshire-broadband-speed/#_ftn1)

The Connecting Shropshire broadband coverage map shows whether premises in the Council area currently have access to a superfast broadband connection, whether they are planned for delivery before June 2023, or have no current/planned superfast broadband coverage. More information is available on our website:

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

## **Additional funding to support business**

- Are you a small business in Shropshire ?
- Do you mostly trade with other businesses rather than the general public ?
- Do you need a better broadband connection at your business premises ?

Eligible businesses could qualify for a **£25,000** grant each to 100% fund access to a high-speed broadband connection.

## **Sansaw Estates received a £60,000 grant from the Scheme**

Connecting Shropshire, in partnership with Fastershire and part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), have developed the Marches & Gloucestershire Business Broadband Grant scheme. For more details, see :

<http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/business-broadband-grant/>

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

Ben Walker  
Marketing and Engagement Manager  
Connecting Shropshire

Economic Growth, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 6ND. Phone: 01743 252203 email: [ben.walker@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:ben.walker@shropshire.gov.uk) Web: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/>

# 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 November 2020 Newsletter.

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| Application Reference | Applicant/Agent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Date              | Proposal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Status                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 20/04491/FUL          | <p><u>Applicants:</u> Mr and Mrs R Whittall, Lindens, Hem Lane, Westley, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0AL</p> <p><u>Agent:</u> Paul Middleton MCIAT<br/>Roger Parry &amp; Partners LLP<br/>Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury. SY5 0HZ</p> | 30 October 2020   | Conversion of traditional outbuilding into a holiday let to include parking and siting of septic tank.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <u>Pending Consideration</u> |
| 20/04098/FUL          | <p><u>Applicant:</u> Liam Dawes, Hawkestone, Great Moor Road, Pattingham, near Wolverhampton. WV6 7AU</p> <p><u>Agent:</u> Jenny Bromley, English Heritage Buildings Ltd, Netherway Venn Farm Lane, Higher Exeter Road, Teignmouth, Devon. TQ14 9PB</p> | 8 October 2020    | Erection of single storey extension to rear, following removal of conservatory at : 1 Mount Pleasant Vennington Road, Westbury, Shrewsbury. SY5 9RA                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <u>Granted</u>               |
| 20/03995/FUL          | <p><u>Applicant:</u> James Roberts, Caus Castle Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury. SY5 9RS.</p> <p><u>Agent:</u> Mrs Louise Preece, Halls Holdings Ltd, BowmenWay, Battlefield, Shrewsbury. SY4 3DR</p>                                                        | 2 October 2020    | Erection of three bedroom, single plot, exception dwelling with detached double garage on agricultural land at Wallop Road, Westbury, Shrewsbury. SY5 9HA                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>Awaiting Decision</u>     |
| 20/03787/DSA106       | <p><u>Applicants:</u> Arthur Price and Rosemary June Price, Rowleth House, Rowley, Westbury, Shrewsbury SY5 9RY</p> <p><u>Agent:</u> Paul Middleton MCIAT<br/>Roger Parry &amp; Partners LLP<br/>Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury. SY5 0HZ</p>      | 21 September 2020 | Due to subsequent 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 (dated 06.08.2004) in pursuant of SS/1/04/15467/F, re: Erection of a dwelling; alterations to a vehicular access and installation of a septic tank. Status: Granted. | <u>Pending Consideration</u> |
| 20/02696/FUL          | <p><u>Applicant:</u> Mr N Davies<br/>Seven Springs, Monday Town, Westbury. SY5 9HG</p> <p><u>Agent:</u> Gareth Hickman<br/>Architectural Ltd,<br/>Lightmoor Road, Lightmoor, Telford. TF4 3QN</p>                                                       | 14 July 2020      | Erection of agricultural storage building.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <u>Pending Consideration</u> |

## Shropshire Council Planning Applications

| Application Reference | Applicant/Agent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Date             | Proposal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Status                              |
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| 20/01715/FUL          | <p><u>Applicant:</u> Mr Kenneth Davis<br/>The Pebbles, Marche Lane,<br/>Halfway House, Shrewsbury.<br/>SY5 5DE</p> <p><u>Agent:</u><br/>Mrs Charlene Sussums-<br/>Lewis, Carter-Jonas LLP.<br/>Canon Court North, Abbey<br/>Lawn, Shrewsbury.<br/>SY2 5DE</p>           | 11 May 2020      | To develop a Single Plot Exception Site for a three-bedroom 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 Decision</u>            |
| 20/01785.PMBPA        | <p><u>Applicant:</u> Mr Wes Morris<br/>Top House Farm, Vron Gate,<br/>Westbury, Shrewsbury.<br/>SY5 9RQ</p> <p><u>Agent:</u> Mr Gerallt Davies<br/>Roger Parry &amp; Partners<br/>1 Berriew Street, Welshpool.<br/>SY21 7SQ</p>                                         | 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>Unknown</u>                      |
| 20/01150/AGR          | <p><u>Applicant:</u> Mr W Onions<br/>W Onions &amp; Sons<br/>Lower House Farm<br/>C/o Hogstow Hall, Minsterley<br/>Shrewsbury. SY5 0HZ</p> <p><u>Agent:</u> Mr P Middleton<br/>Roger Parry &amp; Partners LLP<br/>Hogstow Hall, Minsterley,<br/>Shrewsbury. SY5 0HZ</p> | 16 March 2020    | Erection of an agricultural building at Lower House Farm, Stoney Stretton Yockleton, Shrewsbury. SY3 9PZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <u>Planning Permission Required</u> |
| 20/00692/FUL          | <p>Applicant :</p> <p>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</p>                                                                                     | 24 February 2020 | Increase in number of touring caravan pitches by 17 (total of 42 pitches). Erection of Manager’s dwelling; 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>        |