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Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter

Issue 226 - May 2021

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Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must reach me by : for the June 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 24 May 2021
and for the July 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 21 June 2021.

Westbury Village Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yockleton Victory Hall

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

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

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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.

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

Anti-Social Behaviour

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

Safer Neighbourhood Team

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

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

Work Mobile : 07814 042410 (Duty Hours)

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

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

Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

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

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Police Matters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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

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

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warn everyone quickly about anything suspicious and gives  
others the chance to be vigilant.

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

As stated above, please only contact the Police in an emergency  
- but we are available for all general advice via our mobile  
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P C Ross Cookson 1324

SNT Shrewsbury Rural West

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

**Rural SNT based at:** Pontesbury Police Station, Minsterley Road,  
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**Website :** [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

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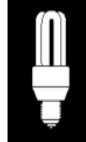
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# **Westbury W I**

**Meeting held via Zoom**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Beryl Johnson : Secretary : 01743 884950  
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*Alex Tucker*

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

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

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

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

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*David Thomas*

## Forthcoming Church Services : May - June 2021

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

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

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*Editor*



## Reflections

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## SHROPSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE - UPDATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# PRESS RELEASE

20 April 2021

## HAVE YOUR SAY IN HOW YOUR HOSPITALS WORK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The online conversation opens on Wednesday, 21 April 2021.

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

to register your interest in joining this conversation.

Many thanks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WESTBURY VILLAGE HALL  
COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
(2019 and 2020)**

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

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

Please be prepared to wear a Face Mask

Alex Adams

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

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

*Mary Pryce*

# **VRON GATE SHOW**

**Saturday, 1 July 2021**

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

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

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

*The Vron Gate Show Committee*

## **ROAD CLOSURES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Date :** Thursday, 24 June 2021 12:00am  
**Temporary Road Closure :** Yockleton Junction Stoney Stretton to B4386 Junction Stoney Stretton, Stoney Stretton  
**Start Date :** 24 June 2021  
**End Date :** 24 June 2021  
**Purpose :** Road Closure - Western Power, tree trimming works, no excavation.  
**Works Promoter :** Western Power Distribution  
**Works Promoter Ref :** HM5130684649A

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

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

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

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

**Date :** Monday, 28 June 2021 09:30am  
**Temporary Road Closure :** B4387 Winsley, United Kingdom  
**Start Date :** 28 June 2021  
**End Date :** 2 July 2021  
**Purpose :** Road Closure - to install kerbs and carriageway surfacing.  
**Works Promoter :** Shropshire Council  
**Works Promoter Ref :** UJ215HW-1703586-3

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

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

## Shropshire Council Planning Applications

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

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

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

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

**Reference :** 21/01200/TCA **Alternative Reference :** Not Available  
**Application Validated :** Tuesday, 9 March 2021  
**Location :** 6 Jubilee Gardens, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9EQ  
**Proposal :** To fell 1 No Silver Birch Tree within Westbury Conservation Area.  
**Status :** Consent by Right - Trees  
**Appeal Status :** Consent by Right - Trees Decision issued : 1 April 2021  
**Appeal Decision Date :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Mr Ian Skinner  
**Agent :** Mr Rob Petri Kiwi Tree Services, The Beeches, Westbury, Shrewsbury. SY5 9QZ

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**Reference :** 21/01234/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09581105v1  
**Application Validated :** Monday, 29 March 2021  
**Location :** Cobblers Cottage, 2 Mount Pleasant, Vennington Road, Westbury, Shrewsbury  
Shropshire. SY5 9RA  
**Proposal :** Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory. Erection of single storey extension  
to form Garden Room.  
**Status :** Pending Consideration  
**Appeal Status :** Unknown  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Ms Emily Bowen  
**Agent :** Mr Peter Bromley, Hawkestone, Great Moor Road, Pattingham, Nr Wolverhampton. WV6 7AU

**Reference :** 21/01009/AGR **Alternative Reference :** PP-09561421

**Application Validated :** Friday, 26 February 2021

**Location :** Whitton Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RE  
Powys County Boundary Long Mountain road to Speed Limit signs

**Proposal :** Erection of a new general purpose building

**Status :** Planning Permission not required.

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Decision Issued Date :** Monday, 29 March 2021

**Applicant :** Mr J R Paddock, Whitton Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RE

**Agent :** Mr Shaun Jones, Halls Holding Limited, Halls Holdings House, Bowmen Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury SY4 3DR.

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**Reference :** 21/00282/OUT **Alternative Reference :** PP-09429963

**Application Validated :** Friday, 5 February 2021

**Location :** Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling east of The Hazels bungalow, Rowley, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RX

**Proposal :** Outline application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and associated garage to include access.

**Status :** Pending Consideration

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr and Mrs D Beckett t/a B&B Farming, The Willows, Yockleton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9PN

**Agent :** Mr Nick Williams, Berrys, Beech House, Anchorage Avenue, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 6FG

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**Reference :** 21/00051/FUL and 21/00277/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09390434

**Application Validated :** Wednesday, 6 Jan 2021 and Wednesday, 20 January 2021

**Location :** Grange Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9QX The Shrubbery Junction with B4387 to The Forge junction with B4387.

**Proposal :** Construction of roof over a manure store.

**Status :** Pending Consideration.

**Appeal Status :** Unknown

**Appeal Decision :** Not Available

**Applicant :** Mr T Jones, P M Jones & Son, Grange Farm, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9QX

**Agent :** Mr Shaun Jones, Halls Holdings Limited, Halls Holdings House, Bowmen Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury. SY4 3DR



**Reference :** 21/00187/FUL **Alternative Reference :** PP-09409720  
**Application Validated :** Thursday, 14 January 2021  
**Location:** Willow House, Yockleton Road end of, to Brook House junction, Cruckton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9GE  
**Proposal :** Erection of a two bay detached garage with storage/games room above at Willow House, Yockleton Road end of, to Brook House Junction. Cruckton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9GE  
**Status :** Granted 29 March 2021  
**Appeal Status :** Unknown  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Mr G Bright (company: Mr and Mrs G Bright), Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0HZ  
**Agent :** Mr Paul Middleton, Roger Parry & Partners LLP, Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0HZ

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**Reference :** 21/00159/LBC **Alternative Reference :** PP-09410895  
**Application Validated :** Wednesday, 13 Jan 2021  
**Location :** The Wain House, Vennington Westbury Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 9RG  
Powys County Boundary, Long Mountain Road to Speed Limit Signs.  
**Proposal :** Works to roofline to facilitate the installation of a 16 solar panel roof-mounted system to front/south roofline of Grade II Listed Building  
**Status :** Withdrawn  
**Appeal Status :** Decision Withdrawn  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Mr Ross Cookson, The Wain House, Vennington, Westbury, Shrewsbury Shropshire. SY5 9RG  
**Agent :** Mr David Cunningham, Zanussi Solar, Unit 1, Lakes Court, Lancaster Business Park, Burton-on-Trent, UK. DE13 9PD

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**Reference :** 21/04950/DIS **Alternative Reference :** PP-09288847  
**Application Validated :** Friday, 27 November 2020  
**Location:** Wallop Hall Barn, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 9RU  
**Proposal :** Discharge of Conditions 5 (Drainage), 6 (Photographic Survey), 7 (Materials) 8 (External fixtures), 9 (Bricks - South elevation), 10 (Roof Materials), 11 (Roof Windows), 12 (Bat Boxes), 13 (Joinery) and 14 (Landscaping) of Approved planning permission 20/00758/FUL  
**Status :** Discharge Conditions Part Approved Pending Consideration  
**Appeal Status :** Unknown  
**Appeal Decision :** Not Available  
**Applicant :** Mr Vernon Kerswell, c/o Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0HZ  
**Agent :** Mr Paul Middleton, Roger Parry & Partners LLP, Hogstow Hall, Minsterley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 0HZ

**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 rection of a dwelling, alterations to vehicular access and installation of a septic tank, due to changes in planning policy (relative to new housing development in Rowley now being classed as a "cluster") the proposal is for the Discharge of Section 106 Planning Obligation.  
**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. SY5 9DE  
**Agent :** Mrs Charlene Sussums-Lewis MRICS, Carter Jonas LLP, Canon Court North, Abbey Lawn, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY2 5DE

## **Covid 19 Virus**

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

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

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

*Editor*

# **BRITISH RED CROSS - SHROPSHIRE**

## **Appeal for Help**

Hi there

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kind regards

Donna Smith

British Red Cross - Shropshire

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



# 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>

# SNT NEWSLETTER

## 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**

🐦 **@ShrewsburyCops**

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.

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

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|  | 7.90 cm                                                                      |
|  | We run double standard size adverts i.e.<br><b>7.9cm wide x 10.86cm deep</b> |
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|  | The minimum number of months you can<br>book is six, so that would be:       |
|  | 6 months<br><b>6 x £5.00 - Total £30.00</b>                                  |
|  | 12 months + secure placement<br><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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