

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues?

See it
Report it
Get it LOGGED!!!!



To contact the Police, please ring: **999 (emergency) or 101 (less urgent)**

Get Digital! - have you been thinking of getting online, but don't know where to start?

The experiences of the past twelve months have made many of us realise the benefits of technology to keep connected with friends and relatives, for online shopping and to access information and services. If you are over fifty and don't yet use the internet at home, Shevington Community Association would really like to hear from you.

The Association can lend you a tablet with internet connectivity and provide support as you learn how to use it. Loans can be for a few months - enough time to gain confidence and know-how. You might then consider buying your own device or joining classes which will resume at Shevington Library when that becomes possible.

For more details please contact Community Association Secretary, Sheila Milnes, on 01257 253735 or Councillor Marlaine Whitham on 01257 253055 / 07806 938114.

[This project is funded through Greater Manchester Ambition for Ageing for residents of Shevington with Lower Ground, Standish and Aspull, Whelley & New Springs wards.]

Litter Picking

Wigan Council's Shevington with Lower Ground ward Councillors would like to thank residents for all the additional litter collecting that has been going on during lockdown. Ward Councillors can supply litter picking equipment for anyone who would like it. Please contact them by phone or email. Their contact details are on the Wigan Council website under 'Councillors'.

Responsible Dog Owners!

We would like to remind all residents, whether it be on the pavement or in our many green spaces, to please ensure your dog is kept under control at all times and your dog litter is disposed of correctly. Please be considerate to other people and the environment.

Awards for Good Neighbours and Community Service

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who took the opportunity to write to the Parish Council to nominate residents for the Annual awards. These are presented at the **Annual Parish Meeting**, which is usually held in March. This year, because of the COVID restrictions, the APM will be held at an **outdoor** venue at **7pm** on **Wednesday, 19 May**, when we will present the awards.

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KEY TO WARDS

N: North
S: South
W: West

Local groups are welcome to contribute to future editions of this newsletter. If you would like an item included, please contact the Clerk.

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Your NEWSLETTER



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Memorial Park Improvements

Should the Parish Council Take Out a Loan?

The Parish Council have recently spent several weeks in January and February seeking your views on whether they should go ahead with the improvements to Memorial Park and whether they should take out a loan to pay for the improvements. The Consultation closed on 17 February and we have since been busy compiling your responses and analysing them.

Approximately 2% of the Parish electorate sent in replies. Thank you sincerely to all of you who took the trouble to read the leaflet that accompanied the last edition of the newsletter and the time to submit replies to the questions.

85.6% of those of you who replied supported the improvement of the park. 13.2% were against the idea and 1.2% did not know whether or not they supported them. When it came to the questions about whether or not the Parish Council should take out a loan to pay for the improvements, the amount of support reduced to 80.2% in favour of taking out a loan, 15.6% were against and 4.2% did not know. 79% of those who replied supported the idea of increasing the precept in future years, if it were necessary, in order to repay the loan, 16.8% were against it and 4.2% did not know.

Most of the replies we received (70%) were from residents of Shevington village, where the vast majority of those who replied approve of the project and agree to both taking out a loan and raising the precept to pay for it. A similar pattern emerged in Appley Bridge, Shevington Vale and Gathurst.

In Shevington Moor 50% of the responders support the project. Of these 30% approve of a loan being taken out, but only 20% agree to a precept increase. The remaining 50% either do not know or are opposed to the project.

In Crooke Village the opposition to the project is unanimous, although some of the comments made it clear that this is largely due to fears that the outflow of surface water from the park as a result of drainage improvements will have a negative impact on Crooke by increasing the flood risk to the village.

In taking part in the consultation many of you took the opportunity to comment on other matters besides those associated with Memorial Park improvements. We thank you for those and will study them closely and consider how they can be addressed.

Parish Council Precept 2021/22

This year we have set a precept of £77,860, which is £762 higher than last year. This is an annual increase of 31p for Band A properties and 45p for Band D properties. There are fewer properties liable for Council Tax this year and we have had to recognise this in deciding upon a 2% increase. To fulfil our commitments of supporting 'In Bloom' Groups, Christmas lights, Allotments and other community services, we will still need to use some of our remaining reserves. The improvement of the Memorial Park is a major project that is long overdue. Our Lottery Bid was cancelled due to COVID and we are looking at alternative ways to pay for the work. The grant we receive from Wigan Council will again cover the cost of our loan repayments for Vicarage Lane Fields. This grant helps us to keep the precept as low as we can. We want to ensure that the Parish continues to be a great place to live and every penny of our income goes towards delivering this.

