

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues?

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Get it LOGGED!!!!



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

Shevington & District Fete Committee are planning to hold the event under current Covid restrictions just in case the restrictions don't ease before then. The committee is working hard to make sure the fete is held in a Covid-safe environment that the whole community can enjoy.

They are being supported by Wigan Council and have been awarded extra funding from the Council to hire a second marquee, so they can give more stalls cover on the day. There will be the usual attractions for children – including rides and entertainment – and lots of food and drink stalls. There will be a craft fair in St Anne's Parish Centre and stalls within the Youth Club.

If you would like to book an indoor stall for your business or organisation, please do so ASAP as the committee are working on reduced capacity this year and indoor stall spaces are EXTREMELY LIMITED!

If your stall is OK to be outdoors, then there is still plenty of space available – gazebos are more than welcome, and really are a big help in sun or rain!

Stalls will be spreading out, so there is plenty of room between stalls in order to let people distance safely. Electric points are available outdoors – please state in your stall booking if this is required.

The committee cannot supply outdoor stalls with tables or gazebos so please bring your own. Indoor tables are provided (except in the marquee).

To book a stall for your business or organisation, please email shevingtonfete@outlook.com and check your junk for a reply within 7 days. Payments will be taken nearer the time.

SAVE THE DATE



SHEVINGTON FETE 2021

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST

Your NEWSLETTER



No.55 Shevington Parish Council July 2021

Parking Issues at Vicarage Lane Fields!

- let's work together to find solutions

The issue of overspill parking along Vicarage Lane while the sports pitches are in use was originally raised by residents of neighbouring streets in April and has been discussed by the Parish Council several times. Concerns about the issues have been shared with representatives of the football and rugby clubs and they have taken them on board. However, we must acknowledge that at present the volunteer marshalls have a difficult job on their hands, as the number of cars on site has been greatly increased due to Covid restrictions for two reasons:

1. Car sharing is not allowed.
2. The football season was delayed and so it has overlapped with the rugby season.

Things came to a head on Sunday, 23 May. Six matches were played between 10 am and 1 pm that day. The marshalls on duty found it difficult to manage the car parking, because the number of vehicles attending considerably exceeded the number that the car park could hold. They were overwhelmed and excess car parking took up the full length of Vicarage Lane (including the grass verge along the stretch outside the pitches) and overspilled into Edgewood and St Anne's Drive.

Several complaints were received by the Parish Clerk about the scenario that had unfolded. Some residents also took part in a heated social media debate about the matter. The residents who had written to the Clerk were all invited to join a virtual meeting of the Council to discuss their concerns. Several took up the offer.

Photographic evidence provided by residents indicated that, although it was very crowded, and possibly chaotic, at times, the cars were parked in an organised way. Based on this and anecdotal information received from a variety of people involved, the following actions have been suggested to the sports clubs:

- a. placing cones on the grass verge in Vicarage Lane, on the bend at the entrance to Oakwood Meadows and in front of the farmer's gate to prevent cars parking there and also using cones to create passing places
- b. seeking more volunteer marshalls and additional training in the management of car parking and
- c. managing fixtures in such a way that there are not too many matches being played at the same time.

Since that Sunday dry weather has improved ground conditions and it has been possible for the marshalls to accommodate all cars on the Vicarage Lane Fields site. No further issues have been reported.

The sports clubs are keen to work with local residents and have taken part in a site meeting organised by the Parish Council to discuss matters. Residents living in neighbouring streets were also represented at the meeting – as were the allotments society – and the Police, who were invited to provide guidance on how parking could be managed and what was allowed legally. Some of the actions suggested by the Parish Council have now been put in place and costings have been obtained for an extension to the car park.



Bill Takes the Chair

It was 'all change' at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 26 May when Cllr Bill McKnight was elected Chairman of the Council. He takes over from Cllr Ira Whiteley, who had been the Chairman since May 2015. Cllr Whiteley has decided to step down in order to focus on her increasing family commitments. Cllr McKnight will be ably assisted in his new role by Cllr Jessica Higham, who takes over from him as Vice Chairman. We wish them both well in their new roles.

The photo shows Cllr Bill McKnight carrying out his first civic duty: a tour of the new community building at Vicarage Lane Fields.



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S: South
W: West

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