



Father Christmas calls in



Shevington



Crooke Green

Appley Bridge



Shevington Moor

Have Pride in Your Parish
DON'T Fly Tip
Take it to THE Tip!



Congratulations to Our Winners!

Pam Powell – our judge - travelled around in wind, rain and cold (often on foot) and assessed all the shop windows in the Parish during the first couple of weeks in December.

The Parish Council approved Pam's recommendations for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizewinners, which this year were all in Shevington, and also for the entries to be given a special commendation. We have included the comments made by Pam about each winning and each commended entry. However we would like to thank all shops that made a special effort to decorate their windows for the season – even if you did not receive an award this year, you will have achieved something worthwhile by lifting the spirits of local residents at a time when they needed it most.

Prizewinners

1st = VILLAGE KITCHEN – “Well done – a beautiful window display. Their decoration filled the whole window and was totally eye-catching - even as a customer in the cafe you could see it quite clearly.”

2nd = MUFFIN MAN – “Your message is one for us all – lovely display in the shop too. On one window was a very poignant message for us all to read. The other window was decorated and inside the shop was a lovely display for all customers and children to look at.”

3rd = BARNET FAYRE – “Welcoming ‘Happy Xmas’ on the door and a beautiful display with blue lights and transfers covering most of the window.”

Special Commendations

ELIZABETH ANN (Shevington Moor) - “A very beautiful window with gentle silver flashing lights.”
WIGAN HOSPICE SHOP (Shevington) - “The window centrepiece was an angel. Around this were camels, snowmen, Christmas trees and, as the spirit of Christmas,...a stable scene which had the real message of Christmas.”

A B HARDWARE (Shevington) - “A large ‘A’ Frame in one window displayed Christmas items surrounded by twinkling lights. There was another display in the other window and also inside.”

SLOBBERY CHOPS (Shevington) - “The window was very starry with a message wishing everyone ‘A HAPPY CHRISTMAS’.”

CUT AND DRIED (Shevington Vale) - “There were old fashioned Christmas decorations on the windows which were very sparkly and eye-catching. The shop looked very welcoming with a Christmas display as you entered it.”

Lighting Up for Christmas

After the ups and downs of the past two years residents were determined to pull out the stops for Christmas celebrations and excelled themselves in having bigger and bolder outdoor lighting displays than ever before. The Parish Council provided decorated trees in four areas of the Parish, lamp post motifs in the centre of Shevington and lamp post garlands in Appley Bridge and Shevington Moor. But, no matter what we do, we will never be able to outdo the annual display outside a certain house in Shevington Lane, which gives so many people of all ages such great pleasure.



Shevington Parish Council has small grants available for local community groups. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for an application form or download one from our website.

Volunteers needed in

Shevington Moor

To help maintain local green spaces and create exciting new projects!

Spring is just around the corner! If you'd like to get on board with some new projects for the area in 2022, please contact us!

Inbox the Facebook page or email clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Council Support Staff

Most readers will be unaware that the Parish Council is very fortunate to have the services of two support staff. They are the unsung heroes who carry out those small jobs that no one else is willing to do, but which are very necessary to help the operation tick. They have continued working throughout the pandemic by collecting litter and cleaning Parish property to keep public areas as safe as possible. Each year they put up display poppies for Remembrance Sunday and support the Service at the War Memorial.

In 2021, because of the Covid restrictions in place at the time, the support staff enabled the Annual Parish Meeting and presentations of the Community Service awards to take place outside by operating the PA system. Throughout the months from April to September they open and close the Bowling Green at Forest Fold and keep the site tidy. They also carry out minor repairs when they are needed and report issues that they spot.

Very importantly, they keep the Parish Council in touch with residents by delivering this newsletter to properties that Local Life's distribution service does not reach. Thank you both for the work that you do.

Parish Council Audit 2020-21

The Parish Council's accounts are prepared on a real time income / expenditure basis and are audited annually by both internal and external auditors. Both our internal and external audits for the 2020-21 financial year have been completed – there were no issues. Our financial statements and both the internal and external audit reports and certificates can be found on our website.