

## Christmas Shop-Fronts



The Parish Council announced the results of the 2021 Christmas Shop-Front competition in the January edition of this newsletter and, undeterred by the sleet, icy temperatures and gale force gusts of wind, the Chairman of the Parish Council visited eight shops to make the presentations on Saturday, 19 February.



The photographs show - from top to bottom - Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Bill McKnight, presenting awards to representatives of Shevington Village Kitchen (1st prize) and Muffin Man (2nd prize) – both of Gathurst Lane, Shevington - and Barnet

Fayre (3rd prize) of Broad O'th Lane, Shevington. The Parish Council made donations to the following Charities selected by the winners:

Shevington Community Pantry (£60), Wigan & Leigh Hospice (£40) and Wigan Infirmary (£30).



## Storms & Vandals Hit Upgrades at Elnup Wood

Since the work of the volunteers at Elnup Woods resumed last year a number of footbridges and walkways have been either built or reinstated, improving our enjoyment of the woods.

As some residents will know by now, one of the new footbridges was vandalised in recent weeks. The volunteers repaired it in February. Luckily, the vandals did not damage the frame of the bridge, so it was not overly expensive to fix. But, if one of the bridges were to need replacing altogether, the local branch of the Groundwork Trust, which is a not for profit organisation, would not be able to afford it.

Not only have the volunteers had to contend with vandalism, but they have also been faced with several storms since they repaired the footbridge. Unfortunately, there were a few storm damaged trees in Elnup Wood after the storms at the end of February. The long boardwalk at the bottom was impassable, and the path down the slope from the mine carts had to be closed off completely. They are working to sort things out as soon as possible, but for now they have asked people to please steer clear of the affected areas.

These episodes have not deterred the small, but dedicated, band of local volunteers and they will continue with their efforts to look after the woods.

If you would like to join them, please get in touch with the Groundwork Trust in Wigan.

### Did You Know?

Defibrillators are available for use in an emergency at these locations in the Parish .....  
Shevington Methodist Church,  
Forester Arms, Shevington Moor  
Woodnook Shops, Shevington Vale  
The Crooke Hall Inn, Crooke Village

**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.**

## Raising Funds for Lymphoma Action

Every 27 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with Lymphoma. Lymphoma Action is a Charity that provides the vital information and support they need to cope with their diagnosis, treatment and living with lymphoma. The Charity's aim is to make sure no one faces lymphoma alone. In 2021 Shevington Garden Club raised £140 through the sale of Christmas decorations. This was donated to Lymphoma Action.



## Bowling at Forest Fold

Tucked away in Forest Fold (off Miles Lane, Appley Bridge – near Broadriding Road) the Parish Council have a bowling green. For a small membership subscription of £20 per person for the season you may play there over the weekend and during the week, when it is not being used for team fixtures or other events. Anyone under the age of twenty may play for FREE.

### Shevington Dementia CARERS

#### Support Group

Supported by Shevington Surgery PPG

Come  
When You  
Can



Leave  
When You  
Must

**We are re-starting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**WHO** The group offers support to carers who look after those with Dementia.

**WHY** To offer support to carers in a relaxed atmosphere.

A chance to share experiences with others on the Dementia journey.

**WHEN** The Last Monday of each month between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

**WHERE** The Lounge at The Methodist Church in Shevington

#### Who to Contact.

Please call us for more information

Beryl Smith, 0744 745 4730; Joan Wadcock, 01257 252001;

Elaire Ellams, 0753 222 0928; Mary Davies, 0782 689 5166.

The bowling green is open from 8am till sunset daily from 1 April till the end of September. On site facilities provided include toilets and some shelter from rain. If you bring a packed lunch, we provide litter bins for your refuse. If you are not playing with a team, you will need to provide your own bowls.

Membership forms (with instructions) for 2022 can be downloaded from the Parish Council website, collected from Shevington Library or obtained by emailing the Clerk.

Teams are welcome to book the green for their fixtures – new teams are very welcome. The team green fee for the 2022 season remains unchanged at £100. The pavilion is furnished and has tea and coffee making facilities. It can be used for team fixtures and other events by arrangement with Shevington Village Bowling Club. The Club are always looking for new team members. If you enjoy competition, why not join the Club?

If you would like to use the bowling green for a single session event, we ask you to make a contribution of £30, payable in advance. For more information, please contact the Clerk.

Bowling is a good form of exercise for people of all ages. Why not join and give it a go?

## Vacancy

The Parish Council are seeking to appoint a reliable person – car driver preferred – to deliver newsletters six times a year to properties in the Parish where Local Life do not deliver and to act as the evening gatekeeper at Forest Fold Bowling Green from 1 April to 30 September. For more information, please contact the Clerk.

## Latest Developments at VLF

The Community and Recreational Centre at Vicarage Lane Fields was completed and opened its doors for the first time in 2021. The Management Committee of volunteers that run it are now working towards developing it as part of a well-being hub for the local community.

For a small cost you can take part in the following activities at the Community Centre:

**KARATE** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm till 8.30pm - All ages

**A GENTLE FITNESS CLASS FOR SENIORS WITH TEA AND COFFEE** on Mondays from 10.15am to 11.30am

**PILATES** on Wednesdays from 10am till 11am

**KEEP FIT** on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm till 7pm

Throughout the year the pitches are being used for both rugby and football matches and training at weekends on lights evenings. The sports clubs are looking for volunteers to help with the preparation and serving of refreshments.

**ANYONE WITH A SPARE HOUR ON A SUNDAY MORNING TO VOLUNTEER IN THE HATCH TO SERVE TEAS, COFFEES & BACON SANDWICHES** on a rotational basis, please message Shevington Sharks or Shevington Football Club via their Facebook pages. They also **NEED VOLUNTEERS ON SUNDAYS FOR THE KITCHEN** to assist with making the teas and coffees on a rota basis.

## A Message from the Sports Clubs Using Vicarage Lane Fields

We are happy for residents to enjoy the fields and walk their dogs when they are not being used by the clubs, but please respect them and the local environment by picking up and bagging your dog waste and taking it home. We would also ask you to not allow your dog to dig holes in the pitches.