

A New Political Map for Wigan

The Electoral Boundary Commission published their final recommendations for future electoral arrangements for Wigan Council in May. They have proposed that Wigan should have 75 councillors, who should represent 25 three-councillor wards across the Borough. They have also proposed that the boundaries of 23 wards should change - two will stay the same. Now the changes will have to be approved by Parliament.



The Commission are extremely grateful to the people of Wigan, who took the time and effort to send them their views. They considered every piece of evidence they received before finalising their recommendations.

Shevington with Lower Ground will be increasing in size – mainly to the north east – by taking in a small part of Langtree, which is currently in Standish with Langtree ward. In May 2023 the ward's name will change to Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor. We understand this change has given rise to a rumour that this part of Langtree will also become part of Shevington Parish and in future its residents will be paying a precept. This is **NOT** the case. The Parish does not include the whole of the ward and its boundaries have not been changed – only Wigan Council's electoral ward boundaries were in the Commission's sights. The residents of that part of the ward will still be living in an area that is historically Langtree and will continue to have a Standish postal address.

- Do you have ideas about where you live?
- Would you like to have your say on how money is spent in your community?
- Could you help get projects here up and running?

Our area now has its own page on the Vocaleyes platform, where local projects can be discussed.



By registering on vocaleyes.org, you can start new projects, volunteer your time and have your say on plans.

- The Vocaleyes Process**
1. Create your Group on Vocaleyes
 2. Allocate Budgets (if necessary)
 3. Create Topics
 4. Suggest Ideas
 5. Debate & Rate Ideas
 6. Vote on Projects (if not already done)
 7. View Results
 8. Promote Actions & Outcomes
 9. Measure Impact

If a project gets enough local backing, it can be turned into a reality through the Vocaleyes process.

Vocaleyes allows everyone to have a say and communicate about projects in one place.

Register at vocaleyes.org

Cllr Vicky Galligan - Elected!



Congratulations to Parish Councillor Vicky Galligan on becoming a Wigan Borough councillor for Shevington with Lower Ground ward after her runaway win at the May elections. Cllr Galligan has long worked with several community groups in the Parish and is very well known in local circles. We wish her all the best for the future.

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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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Re-Development of the Old School Site Seeking YOUR Views

The Parish Council meeting in June received a visit from Peter Collins, Wigan Council's Project Manager for the re-development of the site in Miles Lane of the former Shevington Community Primary School. He gave the Council a presentation on the early-stage proposals for the building of an Extra-Care housing scheme on the site. Mr Collins and his team are in the process of consulting residents about the scheme – you might have spotted them and engaged with them at the Fete – they were sharing the Parish Council's information stall.

The new scheme will consist of a number of self-contained apartments - mainly one-bedroomed – for those aged 55 and over with mobility and disability issues. It will include communal areas and a range of facilities adapted to suit the needs of the residents. Some of the apartments will be specifically set up for wheelchair users. The intention is to provide supported independent living.

As well as a communal living space where community activities will be held, there will be office facilities for staff. The current access road is not suitable, so a new one is being provided that will also enable access to the Clinic and Shevington Surgery. There will be a shared car park at the northern end of the site with designated parking spaces for residents of the apartments.

Mr Collins shared computer-generated images of the site plan and exterior views of the buildings. The site lies within the green belt. Hence the new building has to sit within the footprint of the old one. The Miles Lane frontage will be designed to knit into the locality and there will be communal gardens at the southern edge. Solar panels will be used to reduce energy bills and the use of ground source technology for heating is being investigated.

Issues with the main road (Miles Lane) have been identified and the Highways team have been asked to address them.

The project team are keen that the local community should have an input and will update the Council again later in the year. If the plans are approved and planning consent is obtained it is possible that work on the site will begin at the turn of the year. Completion will then be about eighteen months later.



Annual Parish Walk 2022
~ Platinum Jubilee Year ~
Bank Holiday Monday, 29 August
10 am ~ Shevington Methodist Church

- Please register your contact details with the steward on arrival, stay within the main group throughout and let the steward know when you leave the Walk.
- During the Walk please follow current Covid guidelines. Please carry your own sanitiser.
- Take extra care when crossing roads and walking on uneven terrain.



Taking in ALL areas of the Parish
 Finish between 1 and 2 pm
 Please bring your own refreshments for the Walk. Refreshments available afterwards at Shevington Methodist Church.
 All sponsorship money and donations collected will go to Dementia Friends.

All residents of Shevington & their friends are welcome to join us.

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