

News from Shevington Community & Recreational Centre

On 5 October we welcomed the Football Foundation, who spent a day filming on site and interviewing volunteers from the community and the Football and Rugby Clubs. They were looking, in particular, at the positive impact the site had across the two clubs and both the local and wider communities.

On the same day we also provided teas, coffees and other refreshments to members of the community who dropped in, whilst at the same time increasing awareness of the forthcoming Rugby League World Cup.

We are delighted to have been chosen as one of five centres in England to develop a Social Impact and Well Being Hub. The other four are based in Hull, Leeds, St Helens and Salford. Working alongside Ian Braid of DOCIA Sport we have delivered several sessions and classes as part of this initiative.

We have installed a defibrillator, which is available for public access. It is situated on the green fencing near the disabled bays on the car park – please see the link provided by the North West Ambulance Association:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-K-1rvT4eqk>
for information and Training.



What's Going on in Shevington & District?

Not everyone is online or has access to the internet, so some individuals in our community are at a disadvantage, because they don't receive the information that circulates on the internet. Many groups and organisations communicate via the internet or even using 'WhatsApp'. To some people this is like a foreign language.

My aims are:

- to provide relevant information from the internet to those who are not online or don't have access to it;
- to collaborate with all the groups, clubs and organisations, etc in our area, giving our community choices in terms of activities;
- to provide organisers with dates of events so they don't clash with other events unless it's beneficial;
- to encourage communication and information sharing within our community, preventing social isolation and encouraging friendships and activities.

For several years I have had this idea that all of our groups, organisations and clubs should share information. We do have many clubs and organisations etc, as identified in the audit that Marlaine Whitham undertook just prior to Covid.

First of all, I spoke to the Librarians in Shevington Library, who thought it was a sound idea in principle and agreed to help.



The 'Information Share' file is simply an A4 folder containing information about clubs and group events and other relevant activities happening in the Shevington & District area. This information is provided by the groups and organisations themselves and added to the folder, which is kept in a place convenient for people to read. Information is also taken from the internet after checking and printed out for inclusion in the folder. When an information/poster is included in a file a copy should be taken to Shevington Library for photocopying to be included in the other files, or simply take 4 copies into the library for inclusion in the files.

There are 4 satellite files at present. The main file is in Shevington Library and contains much more information than the satellite files. It has information about Doctors, Dentists, Pharmacies, Pubs, Churches etc, etc, etc. The satellite files are kept in Shevington Methodist Church, The Plough and Harrow Pub and St. Anne's Parish Centre. This is because these places are the busiest in Shevington, and Shevington is central to our District. The 4th folder is kept for checking purposes and as a spare.

When the Librarian receives a poster to be included in the information share, it is photocopied 4 times so it can be included in each of the files. The files are updated weekly. Date critical information is at the beginning of the file. This community project is evolving and is very much a work in progress.

Elaine Ellams (Chair of Shevington & District Community Association)

Three Cheers for Appley Bridge in Bloom!!!

The "Bloomers" team in Appley Bridge have been working since 2013 and this year have finally reached the top of the heap. We are delighted to announce that, for the first time ever, both Appley Bridge in Bloom and Edible Appley Bridge were awarded Level 5 - Outstanding - at the 2022 RHS Northwest in Bloom ceremony held at Bolton Wanderers Premier suite on 19 October. They received the accolades for both their 'In Bloom' work across the village and the community orchard and allotments at Edible Appley Bridge. They would like to thank everyone for their continued support in keeping our village blooming. As the team work all the year round, they have decided to rest on their laurels. So the work will carry on as usual, but they will not be entering the RHS competition in future years.



Shevington Library A Community WARM Hub Stay WARM for FREE

Warm hubs are centres across the borough that you can visit to stay warm, have a chat and relax for a while – without needing to keep the heating on at home. Our local warm hub is Shevington Library, where you will always receive a warm welcome! Opening times and more info:
<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/.../Libr.../Shevington-Library.aspx>

Planting a Platinum Jubilee Tree

This should have been a joyful occasion: planting a birch to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II. It was planned last March, when all seemed well. Instead, this birch tree was recently planted quietly on Crooke Green - one of four ordered by the Parish Council for different locations in the Parish.



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.

Shevington Sharks ARLFC

Congratulations are due to the following:
Under 13 Bulls - Finalists in the North West Counties Plate Final
Under 13 Reds - Winners of the Lancashire Cup and Nominated Team of the Year in the Wigan Council "Believe" Sports Awards
Under 14s - Winners of the North West Counties Cup
Congratulations are also due to **Rhys Cheetham** who, as National Boxing Champion and a member of the U13 Reds, is nominated as Young Achiever of the Year in the above named awards.