

GM Cycling & Walking Network - an update on improvements in our area

The contractors working on this project set up their first 'working area' at the Martland Mill car park, at the bottom of Beech Hill in mid-April. At that time materials were due to be delivered shortly.

The work to improve the canal towpath by introducing a full hard surface of tarmac, covered with resin and chippings, from Martland Mill all the way to Appley Bridge will take about 30 weeks. Future 'work areas' along the route will be established, and the majority of supplies and work forces will work from the water in barges.

As Crooke is about one-third of the distance, we can assume that the contractors will reach Crooke in about 8-10 weeks' time. There will be temporary disturbances and stoppages of pedestrians and cyclists during the work period. Please be patient and adhere to the signage and temporary restrictions.



Shevington Parish Council

Forest Fold Bowling Green

at
Forest Fold, off Miles Lane,
(aka Whitehall) Shevington

Open Daily ~ 8 am until Sunset
(1 April to 30 September)



Individual Membership:
£20

Application forms are available from Shevington Library, the Bowling Green, the Parish Council websites & the Clerk

New and Old Individual Members
& New and Old Teams Welcome

For information about team and single event booking rates, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk

Ian Robinson - Chairman Shevington Sharks

Shevington Sharks ARLFC are saddened to announce that Ian Robinson - Club Chairman passed away on Saturday, 22 April 2023. Ian became club Chairman in 2008; during the next 15 years he led the club on an amazing journey from being virtually homeless in 2008, with approx. 160 playing members, to the current day with over 350 playing members, who, together with their families, enjoy the benefits that sport and recreation brings to themselves and the community, based at our permanent home at Vicarage Lane, Shevington.

Ian loved Vicarage Lane. Amongst a host of other duties, he passionately worked on the car park on Sundays, greeting people in typical Ian fashion. Everyone was made welcome by Ian - it didn't matter where you were from or whether he knew you or not. Ian as a club chairman - we could not have wished for anything more. He represented our club and the village so, so well. Everyone loved Ian. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He will be sadly missed, but never forgotten - his legacy will live long in our hearts.

Stephen Bates - Secretary Shevington Sharks

Local Council Elections - 4 May 2023

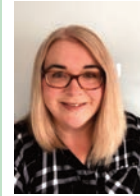
For the first time in many years the Parish Council elections, which are held every four years, were uncontested. Everyone who was nominated has been elected unopposed as a Parish Councillor and will serve until May 2027. Two (Terry Bridge and Helen Thompson) are new faces and one (Janet Brown) is a face previously known to you in another role. Six sitting councillors stood as candidates for re-election. Congratulations and best wishes to all the successful candidates and a warm welcome to the new faces.



Ira Whiteley
2000-2023



John Ball
1987-2023



Vicky Galligan
2019-2023

We say 'Goodbye and thank you for your service to the local community' to Ira Whiteley, John Ball and Vicky Galligan, who chose not to stand again this time. In the case of some of them the period of service to the Parish community spanned a very long time.

The elections held this year for Wigan Council were all-out elections. The ward (in line with others) has been enlarged as part of the boundary changes introduced by the Boundary Commission and is now known as Shevington with Lower Ground and Moor. Congratulations and best wishes must, therefore, also go to our new ward councillors - Paul Collins, Mike Crosby and Vicky Galligan - who have each been elected to serve for varying terms of office.



Calling ALL School Run Parents!



Members of Shevington & District Community Association have been talking to residents, particularly those who live near the district's schools, about parking difficulties in recent months. They would like to ask ALL school run parents to:

- ☆ Please, wherever you can, walk to school, as this cuts down pollution as well as easing parking and road safety issues.
- ☆ If you can't walk, please try to avoid double parking, parking across driveways or fully on the footpath.
- ☆ Please switch your engine off while stationary to reduce pollution.

We all know how annoying it can be to get blocked in or to be unable to pass parked cars. So, please take extra care and time to find somewhere to park that is safe and doesn't create an obstruction for other traffic.

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.

New Play Equipment

The Parish Council are delighted to announce an exciting new development. Four pieces of new play equipment have been ordered to replace most of the existing ageing equipment in the children's play enclosures in Memorial Park. The equipment is made to order and will be installed and ready for our children to use by late Summer. Thank you to the FSMP for their generous donation of nearly £7,000 towards the costs.



Friends of Shevington Memorial Park on the lookout for new members

FSMP are pleased to be up and running again following the COVID break. The new team are hoping to build on the success of the previous group, who raised an impressive £7,000 towards the cost of new play equipment.

Joe Calderbank

The Parish Council was saddened to hear of the death of former Councillor Joe Calderbank earlier this year. Despite suffering serious illness Joe always showed goodwill and support for the Council in what he believed to be in the best interest of residents. He was instrumental in providing funding and support for the figure of 'Our Tommy' purchased by the Council to commemorate the centenary of the end of WWI in 2018. Joe will be much missed.

FSMP Chair, Marie Birchall said: "We're really looking forward to inheriting the legacy of the previous group when new play equipment is installed later in the year. We're determined to build on the work they did, to make sure the park is the jewel in Shevington's crown."

The FSMP welcomes new members who want to participate in its activities. Email fsmp@outlook.com for more information, or to get involved.