

Ward Councillors report to Parish Council 24th February 2021

Ward Councillors have resolved some enquiries and complaints about traffic and environmental issues and we continue to seek resolution for others.

We are pleased that Wigan Council has upgraded footpaths near to Herron's Wharf and opposite Broadriding.

There continue to be some constructive outcomes from close partnership working through our support hub and Neighbourhood police teams. Contact continues to be maintained with those who have been advised to shield.

The loan of tablets with internet connectivity for digitally excluded older residents across Wigan North has begun well albeit with small numbers at present. There have been some additional TechMate volunteers as a result of the last Parish Council Newsletter. Thank you.

Brighter Borough funding has recently supported the work of Shevington and Appley Bridge in Bloom. Some limited funds remain available so appropriate enquiries would be welcomed.

On Thursday of this week an on-line community networking event is planned with information from our support hub, from our regional Census organiser, from Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles and from funding advisor Tracy Wormold. The link has been circulated widely but please ask or Lucy if you don't have it. L.Murphy@Wigan.gov.uk

Borough and Ward updates continue to be circulated regularly by email.

Cityheart and BCEFI have been appointed as contractors to deliver Galleries 25. This will involve the redevelopment of the Galleries as a Cinema complex, Bowling Alley and apartments, with appropriate parking areas. The area between Makinson Arcade and Market Street will accommodate a new Market Hall and a Pavilion.

A number of residents have contacted us about the issue of pavement parking. Double yellow lines can be enforced and penalty notices issued to vehicles in contravention. Residents are required to forward specific dates and times to the Council so that Parking Officers can act on this intelligence. We continue to provide them with this information. As yet there seems to have been little impact.

There have been a number of incidents in the Oval and Old Lane, where bogus tradesmen have been knocking on doors, offering to clean gutters or repair roofs. People have been met with aggressive behaviour when they have refused. In some instances, demands for payment have been made and then the work has not been completed. Residents need to be on guard against such scams and do not respond to doorstep touting for custom.