

**Shevington Parish Council**  
**Clerk's Report to the Meeting of the Council – 25 May 2022**

**Presentation to Jim Maloney**

I have written to the Chair of Shevington & District Community Association to thank the CA for hosting the presentation to Jim Maloney and making Cllr Bill McKnight very welcome. She has replied and said that both the Chairman and all other members are welcome to attend CA meetings whenever they wish.

**May Newsletter**

The newsletter has been set up and is being printed. Due to a lack of space one or two items had to be left out, but these will be included in the July edition. It is due to be circulated from 25 May. The areas to which Local Life do not deliver will be covered by former staff on a supply basis.

**Forest Fold Allotments**

With one exception, all plot rents have now been received. The one exception is that of a new tenant who took possession on 20 May of a plot recently relinquished by a long-standing tenant of 40 years.

The April skip arrived on time and was met on site by the Caretaker. Its subsequent use was supervised by the FFTA Committee. Unfortunately, the skip provided by Bithells was smaller than the one was booked. Consequently, it was full by the end of the first day. The matter was discussed on Monday morning with Bithells, who provided a replacement skip at no extra charge.

The Parish Council's decision about the size of poly tunnels and the number and nature of temporary structures on an allotment was passed on to the tenant who originally raised the matter.

**Minor Maintenance Work**

John Parker will be power washing and painting the planters in Croke Village this coming week. He will also be refurbishing the stretch of bowling green that he has been commissioned to do.

**Summer Planting**

Moss Bank Nurseries will be re-planting the planters for the Summer in early June.

**Storm Damage Due to Winter Storms**

After discussion with our insurers a claim for the work and materials involved in addressing the storm damage to a tree and the storage pavilion at the bowling green has been submitted.

**Cover Assistant & SUC Trustees' Vacancies**

We have still not received any enquiries about these vacancies. Both are being re-advertised in this month's newsletter.

**Perimeter Trees at Vicarage Lane Fields Allotments**

The VLF Allotments Association Committee are delighted that they have been given permission to plant trees around the perimeter and would like to thank the Council. They have been accepted for free trees from the Woodland Trust, so there will not be any cost for them other than anything extra that they might need. They have said that they will make sure that the Council's requirements are met. The trees will only be arriving in the next round from the Woodland Trust, which is in November this year.

**Fighting Climate Change**

Cllr Vicky Galligan is attending a training session provided by NALC via MS Teams on Climate Change on Wednesday. Following consultation with the Chairman, the fee is being covered by the Parish Council and Cllr Galligan will be providing the Council with feedback at a future meeting.

**Shevington Garden Club Annual Show**

After being forced to cancel the show for the last two years, the show is definitely on again this year and the Garden Club are hoping to make it better than ever. As usual the Club's sponsors have been

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very generous, which means there are plenty of extra prizes to be won. The show will take place on Saturday, 6 August in the Methodist church.

**Wigan Council Ward Boundary Changes**

The Boundary Commission's final recommendations for Wigan Council's ward boundary changes have been circulated separately.

**NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin**

The latest bulletin is attached.

**K.M.P. 20.05.22**