

## **District Councillors' Reports to the Parish Council: 25 September 2019**

Dist Cllr M Whitham reported the following:

### **Deal for Communities Networking Event**

This took place at St Wilfred's in Standish in September and I attended it and would welcome any feedback from anyone else who was there. A development from this was that, to encourage pride in local communities, the LA's Media team had circulated electronic 'We Love Shevington' badges for use by all groups.

### **The King's Fund**

The King's Fund – an independent research organisation – had published a report commending the approach taken by 'The Deal'.

### **Deal for a Healthier Wigan**

I recently went on a condensed training course that is being rolled out to other members of the community, which I found very useful. There are three places left. Please let me know if you are interested.

### **Shevington Dementia Friendly Network**

This group met recently to provide an update on everything that was going on locally in relation to the support and activities being provided in this area.

### **Parking & Climate Change**

Wigan and Greater Manchester in general have signed up to doing something about climate change. I am holding a series of public awareness meetings with residents about climate change issues and parking issues.

Dist Cllr J Brown had sent the following report:

### **Crossing Patrol in Church Lane**

There is presently no crossing patrol outside St Bernadette's School. As your councillors, we have expressed our concern to the relevant officer and are exploring a number of actions to remedy the situation. This is ongoing as yet.

### **New Neighbourhood Watch Groups**

The spate of burglaries, particularly, in early summer has prompted several Neighbourhood Watch groups to be formed: Appley Bridge and Miles Lane. Anyone wishing to join these groups may do so by contacting Vicky Galligan and Janet Brown respectively. Each have a What's App group. The formation of other groups on the residential estates would be welcomed. (Register at [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk))

### **Speeding Along Miles Lane and Shevington Lane**

Speeding along Miles Lane and Shevington Lane has been brought again to my attention. I will be looking for groups of volunteers to gather data from operating speed guns in these areas. It is the only way that we will prompt a reaction from the Police/Council.

### **Parking on Kerbs**

I have had a number of complaints about this and in fact have photographed two cars parking so even a sole pedestrian would have difficulty walking along the pavement. I will consult the neighbourhood police. Perhaps local groups can support the education of residents in parking in a considerate way!