

Ward Councillors Report to Parish Council 20 /01/2021

Baby Elephant Car Park

The Environmental Enforcement Officer is engaging with the leaseholder over the litter in the car park.

Digital Projects (Including Tablet Loan Scheme)

Wigan North Digital Inclusion AIPP project was nearly up and running. The role of the Community Association and its partners was to identify the first beneficiaries: 'lower income/marginalised older people in the three Wigan North wards.' 10 tablets will be available. Funding is being provided from Greater Manchester. A SIM in the tablet will provide connectivity – no wi-fi will be necessary.

Communications

Regular circulation of COVID briefings from Councillor Collins continue.

Link to Councillor Collins' updates: <https://www.myshevington.co.uk/>

Commending the positives in local communications: e.g. Shevington Community Watch, Shevington Community Association, Shevington Surgery and your PC Facebook pages. Plus Wigan Council's website, and Facebook page. The PC Newsletter continues to be a superb way to reach **every** household

Neighbourhood support hub for Wigan North / SDF hub 01942 489018

Lynn Prescott continues to be our SDF manager working very closely with Health, Social Care, Community Resilience and Police colleagues. L.Prescott@Wigan.gov.uk

Lucy Murphy continues as a support for volunteers and community groups and will, for example, do a great deal to help with the Tablet loan scheme. L.Murphy@Wigan.gov.uk

Gill, Bev and Maureen from Library services are deployed to work at the hub and one of their roles has been to make phone calls to the list of clinically extremely vulnerable to check their welfare and offer support/guidance and to register on the government NSSF site for priority supermarket slots etc

Neighbourhood Police Team

Sgt Nick Forshaw continues as our Neighbourhood Police Sergeant – his team are NBO PC Alan Crabtree and PCSOs Debbie Higginssmith and Amanda Birkett .

Every resident in your ward will be able to contact a named neighbourhood beat officer and PCSO via the GMP website:

[Home | Greater Manchester Police \(gmp.police.uk\)](https://www.gmp.police.uk/)

'enter postcode and click on the 'Your Team' tab on the ward page. The names of the local PC and PCSO will then appear on the screen. To contact them, people can use the 'Contact Us' tab and follow the on-screen instructions. For those without internet access, they can contact 101 and ask for a message to be sent to the relevant PC or PCSO. '

[At the time of writing there is an error on this website as to whom our Shevington officers are, but it should be corrected soon.]

Council Services

Whilst many are deployed to crucial roles related to the pandemic, many essential services do of course continue. We would all commend our refuse collection teams for example.

A number of specific requests for pavement / gully cleaning / street sign repair / painting of yellow zigzag lines at Millbrook's High Park entrance, have been completed. For the next PC meeting I will endeavour to find out more about a schedule for our road sweeping services if we have not seen it done, tasks completed and schedules going forward.

Appendix A

Build Back Better - Brighter Borough funding / crowd funding

Consultations currently live including Buses – post COVID - positive visions
Cycling and walking infrastructure.

Elections May 6th 2021 - not yet confirmed. Not entirely by post but a good idea to apply for a postal vote .. now or up to 11 days before an election.

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Council/Voting-and-Elections/Postal-vote-form.pdf>

Cllr M Whitham 20.01.2021

Covid Vaccinations and Shevington Surgery

In North Wigan we are currently working through lists of patients aged 80 and over and inviting them to Covid vaccination sessions at Robin Park. At our practice we are currently ringing patients aged around 83 and there are clinics at Robin Park on Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd January. We will be ringing more patients today until we have filled all the available appointments at Robin Park.

Some practices will already have managed to call all their patients aged 80 and over but this is because they may be a smaller practice or have a smaller percentage of patients aged 80 and over. Here at Shevington we have the highest percentage of elderly patients in the Borough so it will take us longer to get our patients booked in.

We are hoping that all the patients aged 80 and above will have been offered vaccination in the next week or so. We are hoping that all the patients aged 80 and above will have been offered vaccination in the next week or so.

There are no plans for us to offer vaccinations at the surgery at the moment. All the appointments are being offered at local mass vaccination clinics.

Franchising of the Bus Service

A second consultation is being offered and ends on the 29th January. The original 8,500 responses will be carried over. This can be accessed by phoning 0161 244 1100, or gmconsult.org. This proposal is meant to bring back bus transport under the GMCA, allowing for a more integrated system within a single ticketing system. It aims to connect neighbourhoods and town centres, provide an affordable, efficient service and promote better air quality.

Increased litter in the area

This has been reported. For the future, the Great British Spring Clean is scheduled to happen between 28 May and 13 June.

Safe Streets Saves Lives Campaign

This aims to create more space for cyclists and walkers. Presently, it aims to up-grade existing provision such as re-marking of cycle lanes and more signs requiring drivers to slow down, give cyclists more space and provide a bike loan and maintenance scheme for key workers.

Maybury Investments Ltd

Water Abstraction licence has been granted by the Environment Agency. This is with conditions and the quality of the water will be closely monitored.

Appendix A

Upgrade of Mobile Phone Mast

Telefonica Uk Ltd and Cornerstone are seeking opinions of Councillors prior to applying for planning permission for an up-grade of the existing radio-based station at the pumping station in Back Lane. A network of masts is required to enhance the delivery of 2G, 3G, 4G and for the future 5G.

Cllr J Brown 20.01.2021