

**Shevington Parish Council**  
**Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 29 November 2018**

**Our Tommy**

The 6ft figure of 'Our Tommy' has, since my last report, visited Crooke Methodist Church, the Veterinary Surgery in Shevington Moor, Shevington Scout HQ, St Anne's Church, Shevington High School and St Anne's School. From St Anne's School it went to Shevington Community Association's WWI tree planting in Standish Lower Ground on 9 November. After that it visited Shevington Conservative Club and on 11 November was taken to the Remembrance Day services at the War Memorial and St Anne's Church. From St Anne's Church it returned to Shevington Vale Primary School for a week. It is currently part of the WWI display at Shevington Library, which is gradually being built up.

**November Newsletter**

This is in the process of being delivered together with the FSMP's consultation on the development of Memorial Park.

**Light in the Memorial Garden**

The issues with the light in the Memorial Garden have still not been resolved.

**Remembrance Sunday**

The Service at the Memorial Garden went smoothly. The issues experienced with the PA system in 2017 did not recur, as their causes were identified and were addressed.

**West Lancashire Local Plan Review Consultation**

WLBC have replied to the Parish Council's enquiry about why the Parish Council had not been consulted about the Local Plan Review. They consult their own parish councils automatically, but, because of the new GDPR regulations, can only consult extra-boundary parish councils, unless they re-register on their consultee database. In view of this I have re-registered the parish council with WLBC. Our reply to the consultation has been submitted.

**Display Poppies**

The display poppies were in place by Saturday, 3 November and will be taken down in early December and placed in storage. It took approximately 10 hours in total to put them up and will probably take nearly as long to take them down. They have received many appreciative comments from residents.

**Christmas Decorations**

The new lamp post motifs have been erected. The Christmas trees have been installed and arrangements have been made for them to be dressed by Wigan Council's operatives, hopefully, this coming week.

**Forest Fold Bowling Green Casual Membership**

In 2018 seven out of forty-three casual members of the bowling green resided outside the parish. Of the seven, two were relatives of residents who were members and who played as a family and the rest were members of the SVBC.

**'For Sale' Sign at Forest Fold**

This had been removed by Saturday, 3 November.

**Waste Management**

The contractor we commissioned to empty the large waste bin at Forest Fold car park has written to thank the Parish Council for its custom and to inform the Council that, regrettably, due to the financial impact of difficult global trading conditions adversely affecting the market demand for recyclable material, from 1 November our charges will increase by 13p per service.

### **Sapling Planting at Vicarage Lane Fields**

Approximately 80 people (ages ranging from 18 months to 80 years) joined the sapling planting at Vicarage Lane Fields on 10 November. One of the residents who came along was the Wigan Rugby League team member, Joe Burgess. Thanks go to all those involved in the planning and organisation of the event. (Letters of thanks have been sent to the secretaries of all the groups involved.) The weather was good and many hands made light work – it only took two hours to plant the saplings.

### **Monitoring of Emissions at Appley Bridge**

The Environmental Protection Team at WLBC have responded to our enquiry about whether they are monitoring factory emissions at Appley Bridge. They have sent the following reply:

*“West Lancashire Borough Council is not under a statutory duty to monitor all emissions from factories, however there is a legislative system in place which covers certain industrial premises / processes which I will try and explain below.*

*Under the permitting regime (The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended) certain industrial processes require a permit to operate. Certain smaller industrial processes that emit emissions to air only are regulated by the local authority, whereas larger industrial processes that emit emission to air, water and land are regulated by the Environment Agency.*

*In either case the permits set controls and emission limits to minimise pollution and premises that operate under a Permit are routinely inspected by the relevant regulator, with those that have a higher polluting potential inspected more frequently.*

*Both regulators i.e. WLBC and the Environment Agency have to hold a public register of permitted premises and the following is a link to our website which provides further details on this <https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/environment/environmental-issues/pollution-control/industrial-pollution-control-and-permits/public-register.aspx>”*

### **Friends of Shevington Memorial Park**

The FSMP have written to thank the Parish Council “for a really positive meeting” on 1 November.

### **‘Beat It’ Team**

The ‘Beat It’ Team are in the ward this coming week. If you know of any areas that might benefit from their attention, please let one of the District Councillors know.

### **Big Listening Event**

Wigan Council’s green sofa will be in front of the shops at Shevington from 11am until 4pm on Monday, 26 November. If there is anything that you would like to share or air about the future of the ward with representatives of Wigan Council, please come along.

### **Wigan Council Poster**

The poster carrying the contact details of the District Councillors and information about their surgeries has been updated and the new posters have now replaced the old ones in the poster boxes.

### **Bulb Planting in Memorial Park**

The spring flowering bulbs that Shevington in Bloom recently won have been planted.

### **Shevington Fete**

The Fete Committee have set the date of the 2019 Fete. It will be on Saturday, 22 June.

### **Raised Bed Allotment**

A tenant of one of the raised bed allotments has recently given in his notice. In his letter he has thanked the Council for providing him with many years of pleasure through the tenancy.

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**North West in Bloom**

Congratulations to Shevington in Bloom, who won Gold and Best in Category in the North West in Bloom competition. They have been invited to represent the North West in Britain in Bloom next year and are thinking about it. They will make a decision in January. Thanks to the hard work of the SinB volunteers and our contractors Memorial Park was awarded Gold in the Small Parks competition.

**K.M.P. 25.11.18**