

Diabetes Support Group

Do you have diabetes? Are you looking for others with whom you can share any concerns that you may have? The Diabetes Support Group meets at Shevington Methodist Church on the first Monday of each month. (The next one is on 4 March.) The meetings begin at 7pm and last about an hour. They provide an opportunity for those present to discuss problems and issues people have. Sometimes they have a speaker. For more information, or if you have any queries, please contact **Alison Molloy** on **01257 401896**.

your concessionary pass expires, or you lose it, and are sent a new one before the end of that year, your tram and train add-on will be transferred automatically and be ready to use. If you return your concessionary pass or no longer use it, the £10 charge to add tram and train is not refundable.

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues?

See it
Report it
Get it LOGGED!!!!



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N: North
S: South
W: West

Local groups are welcome to contribute to future editions of this newsletter. If you would like an item included, please contact the Clerk.

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How Do You Add 'Tram & Train' to Your Bus Pass? (cont.)

In Store

If you need your pass for travelling by train, but won't be able to visit a Metrolink stop first, we suggest you buy from a PayPoint or a TfGM Travelshop. To pay, take your concessionary pass into:

- your local PayPoint store - look for the 'P' logo – in this Parish they are: Manor Wines and the Co-op (Gathurst Lane, Shevington) and Spar (Woodnook Road, Appley Bridge) or
- a TfGM Travelshop – the nearest can be found at Wigan Bus Station.

Then ask to pay to 'add tram and train' (select a starting date within the next 7 days) and follow the retailer's instructions.

When your concessionary pass expires

If you've paid to add tram and train for a year and

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Joint Allotments' Spring Show

Following on from the ever increasing success of Shevington Garden Club's annual Summer show the two allotment sites in Shevington, Vicarage Lane and Forest Fold, thought it was about time they got in on the action. So now a new Spring show is planned for Saturday, 13 April. St Anne's Parish Rooms have generously agreed to accommodate this new venture and it is hoped to make it an annual event in the Shevington calendar.



Apart from vegetables, there will be classes similar to what you would normally find in the Summer show. There will be two sections for Spring flowers. One will be open to anybody and another will only be open to people who live in Shevington and district or who have an allotment in Shevington. There will be a domestic section for all the bakers, an arts and crafts section, a photography section and, of course, a children's section. We know there are some very talented children in Shevington.

There is a class for a jar of honey as we know there is an increased interest in bee keeping in the area. Also, in photography there is a class for a picture of a bee. It is hoped also that the children from Millbrook School will stage a demonstration of honey making and bee keeping.

If you would like to come along and have a look, the show opens to the public at 1:00 pm. For anyone wishing to enter there will be schedules in the library and a number of shops throughout the village - or contact Andrew Moakes on 07710635075.

Precept 2024-25

This year we have set a precept of £88,926, which is £4,311 more for 2024/25 and represents an increase of 5% compared to last year. Maintaining the valuable and much appreciated services we provide for the Parish will cost us more than last year and we will have to use money from reserves to support the budget in 2024/25. We recognise the impact of this increase, but for a Band A property it is £0.85 and for a Band D property it is £1.27 per year more.

We carried out much needed improvements to the play area in the Memorial Park in 2023, but the drainage problems still remain. We cannot do this work without a much bigger increase in the precept, which would not be welcomed currently. We continue to explore other funding options for this.

On a positive note, Wigan Council are continuing to give us a grant to repay the loan for the Vicarage Lane Fields improvements, which is very welcome.