

Community News

April 2025



Best Kept Village & Community Competition



With the closing deadline for the Best Kept Village Competition fast approaching, activities are well under way and seedlings are sprouting happily in several greenhouses throughout the village. As we get into April more focussed events will begin to take place.

The first one is linked into the creation of the The Fairy House (along the lines of the one pictured below) in the big tree at the start of the path onto The Green.

Getting Crafty



To get the children of the village involved in the creation of the fairy house, Childs Ercall Social Club will be hosting a Crafting Session for children at **4.00pm on Sunday, 13 April**.

There will be stones to paint with Pixie/Fairy themes and small log cottages being made for the children to take home for their own gardens. All materials will be provided and the session is free, but you will need to book a place.

Please contact Cheryl Batsford at the club to reserve your place.

Get Involved!

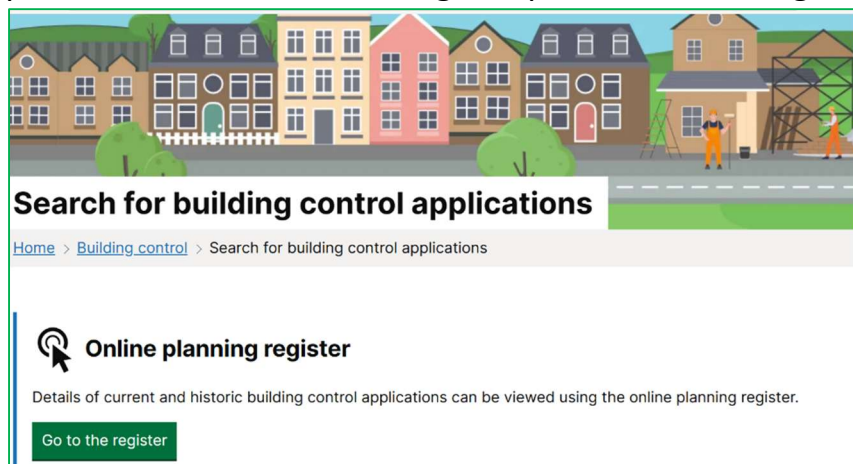
You can keep in touch with what else will be happening for the competition through Childs Ercall Village Chat on Facebook.

As the competition heats up, more volunteers will be needed to help with planting out hanging baskets and containers and then to keep them watered throughout the summer. If you can help and would like to join in contact: Christine Murphy (murphywindyridge@hotmail.com)

In and around...

Planning Ahead

There have been a number of concerns raised regarding new residential planning applications in the Parish. We will be asking the developers to attend the Parish Council meetings or provide consultation meetings, so please come along to those for any further information.



You can also make your representations via the Shropshire Council website

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/building-control/search-for-building-control-applications/>

There is also a handy planning tracker on the Childs Ercall website, where you can sign up to receive alerts.

<https://www.childsercall-pc.gov.uk/community/childs-ercall-community-website-20417/planning-tracker/>



Council Elections

It's election year! In May we will be voting for a new Unitary Councillor for the division of Cheswardine, which includes our parish of Childs Ercall, along with Hinstock, Cheswardine, Soudley, parts of Buntingsdale and Ercall Heath. The Unitary Councillor has the very important role of being the connection between the Parish Council and Shropshire Council, championing and supporting our local issues and proposals. Cllr Rob Gittins, who has been in the position for the last 8 years, is now sadly standing down and we thank him for his considerable efforts over his tenure. Please remember to vote for local issues.

It is also Parish Councillor elections at the same time.

Have Your Say

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Jubilee Hall on April 16th at 7.00pm.

All are welcome to attend.

An on-line version of this newsletter can be found on the website. (www.childsercall.co.uk)

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